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Sports

50 years ago today the Press-Record reported the glorious story of the Granite City Warriors' first and only state basketball championship. Evon Parsagian hit the winning basket for a 24-22 win over Herrin in the state finals in Champaign. Team members Andy Phillip and Andy Hagopian look back on those memories.

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The Warrior track team should have some competitive individuals this spring, but it will be hard to beat out Alton and East St. Louis in the Southwestern Conference.

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People

A Granite City man has invented a tanning chair that could be 'hot' this summer and net him 'cool' cash in return.

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"Peter Pan," the musical perennial, flies into the Fox Theater April 3 through 8 during its 35th year.

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Ava Gardner was the epitome of the Hollywood-trained star. Her work is now on video cassettes.

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Deaths

Jack Atkisson
Harmon Burks
Jerrye Jackson
Stella Sekora
Carmie Strand
Rachel Tosh

25 years ago

Thursday, March 11, 1965
The annual Spring Choral Concert at Granite City High School featured more than 300 student performers and lasted a little more than an hour.

Hot tip

Election results — Live WGN-AM 920 will be covering the results of Tuesday's primary election live from the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville. Shirley Adams will be announcing the vote tallies as the returns are posted in addition to interviewing candidates throughout the evening. Coverage begins at 8 p.m. and will continue through the night.

Madison cuts staff at schools

By Meg Tebo
Staff writer

MADISON — The District 12 School Board on Thursday approved reduction-in-force measures involving 33 district staff members.

Sixteen tenured teachers, nine non-tenured teachers and eight educational support personnel received RIF notices last week, Superintendent of Schools Dan Kostencki said.

The board expects to call back many of the RIF group once the budget is set for the 1990-91 school year, Kostencki said. The measures affect tenured teachers with one to 11 years of service. The district currently employs just under 100 teachers and administrators.

"It's very regrettable that we have to go through this process, but it's necessary that we cover ourselves this way according to state law. This is strictly economics," said Kostencki.

Illinois law requires that honorable dismissal notices must be given 30 days before the end of a current school year to those who may not be employed the following school year.

If finances permit, and their jobs need not be eliminated, they can be recalled prior to the start of the next term.

On another topic, the board observed a moment of silence in memory of Harris School second grade teacher Jerrye Jackson, who died March 12.

She had taught from a wheelchair for a number of

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FULL BLOOM: Spring has arrived early as this magnolia tree, at the Bischoff House on East 23rd Street, testifies with an abundance of color.

Broader Broadway approved

By Andy Siering
Staff writer

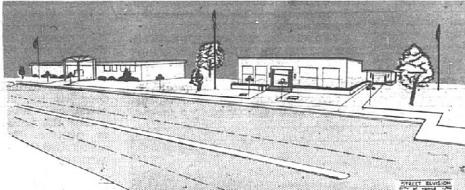
VENICE — At a heated meeting, the City Council approved widening Broadway between City Hall and the Lee Park Recreation Center.

The project, which is estimated to cost up to \$30,000, has repeatedly divided the aldermen in recent weeks. It calls for widening Broadway 15 feet, taking away city property on the north side of the street.

The work is to extend from the eastern edge of City Hall, 329 Broadway, to the western edge of the recreation center, 323 Broadway. The Venice Public Library is at 325 Broadway.

As envisioned in a sketch drawn by Alderman Silver Franklin, one of the project's supporters, the improvement will end by adding low lightpoles, plus park benches and a new sidewalk.

Opponents have charged that the project, which would add room for extra cars to park at a 45-degree angle, was conceived



THE PROPOSED Broadway project as drawn by Venice Alderman Silver Franklin.

by Mayor Tyrone Echols to benefit the nearby Venice Currency Exchange, which Echols owns with his son, Tyrone Jr.

The council voted the project down 3-3 on Jan. 30, but Echols later appointed a committee to study potential projects in the city. The downtown project was put on the committee's agenda

by Franklin, the committee's chairman.

In the wake of Tuesday's vote, opponents are vowing to stop it yet. One of those opponents, Alderman John Henry Williams, said the council violated its own rules of order by voting on the project Tuesday.

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Schuman named personnel chief

By Meg Tebo
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The Board of Education Wednesday named Fred "Pat" Schuman Jr. as District 8's new personnel director.

He replaces Terry Salem, who resigned in November to accept a position as superintendent of schools.

Schuman has been the Principal of Grigsby Junior High School for the past three years. A search will be started immediately to fill that position, said Superintendent Gib Walmsley.

"I'm very excited that the board selected me for this position and recognized that I could bring a lot to the job. Granite City schools have a great reputation and it's great to be a part of this system," Schuman said.

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Pat Schuman
... District 9

Expert urges lead decision delay

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A top expert on lead contamination in soil has asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to place the proposed Taracorp lead contamination cleanup on hold.

Dr. Bobby Wixson, dean of the College of Science at Clemson University, said Thursday he had sent Brad Bradley, EPA project manager for the Taracorp cleanup, a proposal to postpone planning on hold until the July release of the findings and recommendations of a lead in soil task force.

Wixson, who headed up the International Society of Environmental Geochemistry and Health Task force, said he and the other members spent two years preparing the report and believes it would have important applications to the Taracorp cleanup.

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Some facts about lead poisoning

GRANITE CITY — According to current scientific literature, lead poisoning is incurable.

Other facts found about lead poisoning in current scientific studies and literature are:

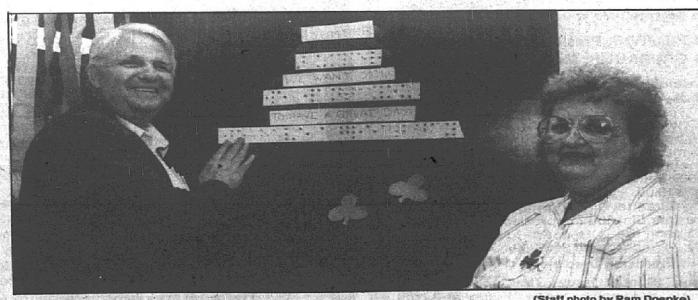
- Acute lead poisoning, a whole lot all at once, causes coma and death.
- Chronic lead poisoning, small amounts over a long period, may eventually cause neurologic disease. But often there are no easily identifiable symptoms and can only be identified through blood testing.

- Chronic lead poisoning is usually identified as having a blood level exceeding 80 micrograms

per deciliter. Levels in children of more than 25 micrograms per deciliter, however, indicate their environment should be investigated.

Contaminated food and drink are considered to be the major pathway for lead entering the human body. But, for young children, soil or dust carried to the mouth has been shown in studies to consist of about half the intake.

Certain medical conditions appear to make people more susceptible to lead poisoning. A calcium deficiency is one such condition. Persons who show a tendency toward sickle-cell anemia also appear to face greater risk.



SURPRISE: Don "Bumper" McBride, who is blind, came to work Friday and found Rudd's homemade Braille banners waiting for him. Both Rudd and McBride work in Granite City for the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation. Rudd, who made the banners from candy buttons, came up with the idea after wondering how to show McBride appreciation on his birthday.

Deadly truck's driver may get prison time

By Ed Gurney
Staff writer

COLLINSVILLE — A man from El Salvador is expected to plead guilty early this week to reckless homicide charges and be sentenced to two years in prison in connection with an accident last July in which his passenger was killed.

One of the victims resided in Pontiac Beach.

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine said the suspect, Jose Ramon Pleitez-Orantes, 30, will be deported after he serves the prison term and will be subject to another stay in prison if he returns to the United States during his four-year probationary period.

Authorities said the driver's pickup truck was traveling at an estimated 52 mph when it went out of control on an icy curve on St. Louis Road and plowed through a Christmas tree lot at Farmers Market.

Two pedestrians, 14-year-old Wade Brake of Collinsville and 37-year-old Roland Cox of Pontiac Beach, were killed.

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Arson fire hurts vacant structure

Venice firefighters extinguished an arson fire at a vacant residence at 1513 Market St. at 2:30 a.m. Saturday.

A patrolman first arrived at the residence to investigate after a report of a fire was received by police. A window in the living room was broken and flames were visible around the window frame. The couch was burning inside the room.

The officers also detected what appeared to be a strong odor of gasoline, he reported. Firefighters responded and the blaze was extinguished before the structure was extensively damaged.

The Madison County Arson Squad went to the scene about 6:45 a.m. and a report filed by the investigators classified the fire as arson, police said.

Owner of the one-story dwelling was listed as Tyrone Echols Jr. Damage to property was estimated at \$5,000 and loss to contents was estimated at \$1,600.

Truck theft attempted

Joe Young Sr. of the 1000 block of College Street reported seeing two young men in his 1985 GMC Jimmy truck at 11:25 p.m. March 15.

The men were 17 or 18 years old and about 5 feet 7 inches tall. Both ran when they saw Young approaching the truck, he told police.

The truck's rear window had been smashed and the steering column broken. One of the would-be thieves wore dark clothing and the second man was dressed in a white T-shirt and jeans.

Shed burglarized here

Jeff Lockhart of the 2900 block of Myrtle Street told police that somebody cut a padlock off his shed on the night of March 10 and took tools valued at \$950.

Loot placed in pillows
The Saenger Fence of the 2900 block of Myrtle Avenue told police somebody pried open a window March 10. Inside, on the floor, were two pillowcases that intruders had filled with items belonging to Fence. Nothing was taken.

Venice

Battery, escape alleged

Police are looking for a 27-year-old Venice man who allegedly beat a woman and later was arrested but escaped from an officer's grasp.

Officer John Banks of the 700 block of Bissell Street said the incident started at her residence about 7 p.m. March 14 when the man started arguing with her. She went with him to get some lottery tickets and he took her into Lee Park, where he struck her in the head and abdomen, the victim alleged.

The suspect then took her to a relative's home, where he hit her again, she alleged. She persuaded him to take her home and then she went for treatment to the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Banks said.

About 9 p.m. March 14, police were advised the suspect's car was outside the woman's apartment. An officer went to the address and was told by a relative of the victim that the suspect was upstairs. The man was found in a west bedroom and was told he was under arrest for battery, police said.

As the suspect was being escorted outside, the man broke free from the officer's grasp and fled north in the Bissell Street Apartments complex.

The pursuing officer called for the man to halt and fired a warning shot into the air, but the suspect continued to flee and escaped.

Granite City

Burglar damages door

A burglar kicked open the front door, breaking the door jamb, to get inside the apartment of Marge Degischer in the 1000 block of McCambridge Avenue, she reported March 11. Nothing was immediately determined to be missing.

TWO INJURIES resulted from this crash Thursday afternoon on Madison Avenue. Albert L. Fowler of Granite City was treated and released. Virginia M. Segar of Granite City declined treatment for her injuries. Police said Fowler's car

Man shot in abdomen during confrontation

Madison

A Venice man was charged with shooting a Madison man in the abdomen and arm during a dispute on an outdoor basketball court at 2 p.m. March 9.

Maurice Brawley, 18, of the 900 block of College Street, Venice, was charged with second-degree battery in a felony information issued through the Madison County State Attorney's Office.

He appeared at the Granite City court March 13 and was given a 20-day jail commitment on a previous warrant, alleging obstruction of a peace officer. He was transferred to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville on March 14.

Demarko L. Cason, 17, of the Grenzer Homes said he was at the Garesche Homes outdoor basketball court on Collinsville Avenue when he and Brawley began arguing.

Brawley reportedly walked away, but came back and allegedly pulled out a pistol and started to fire several shots at Cason's feet, the victim said.

Cason put his hands out at his sides, he told police. One of the

bullets entered Cason's abdomen and then exited and entered his right arm near the elbow, police said. Cason was taken to St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Other persons in the vicinity when the shooting occurred had left the area when police arrived.

A .22 caliber chrome revolver with a worn grip, alleged to be the weapon, was not recovered.

About two hours later, Brawley was arrested without incident at an apartment in Grenzer Homes.

He also alleged Cason took another phone from behind the bar and threw it down. A short time later, Kramer, a former co-owner of Kramden's Bar and Grill, 1348 Madison Ave.

Ken P. Malench, an employee

said Kramer came in looking for Paul R. Sheets, Kramden's owner. Malench alleged Kramer went into the kitchen and use a phone and then pulled the receiver from the wall and threw it on the floor.

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Burglar gets TV, jewelry

In a burglary at the residence of Barbara K. McGhee in the 2000 block of Beechwood Road, the intruder took jewelry and other property, it was reported Monday.

An officer discovered the front door at the mobile home open when he went to the address to notify the occupant about another matter. The door had been pried and the residence had been ransacked.

Among the missing property were a color television valued at \$750, a video cassette recorder worth \$150, a gold ring with a diamond, a pair of gold and pearl earrings, a pair of crystal earrings, two speakers, a cassette stereo, a cassette tape, a stereo turntable with a remote control device, and two cassette players in a cabinet with glass doors and valued at \$513.

Warrant, charge filed

John F. Sandella, 20, of the 2000 block of Bryan Avenue was charged with driving without a valid driver's license at 10:50 p.m. March 9 when he allegedly drove from his driveway and almost collided with another police vehicle. Sandella also was served with a St. Clair County warrant, alleging failure to appear on a charge of driving while not wearing a seat belt.

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Segar got a traffic citation for failure to yield the right of way.

Damage at Kramden's

Michael D. Kramer, 23, of the 3200 block of Edgewood Avenue was charged with criminal damage to property following an incident at 11:20 a.m. March 13 at Kramden's Bar and Grill, 1348 Madison Ave.

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said Kramer came in looking for Paul R. Sheets, Kramden's owner. Malench alleged Kramer went into the kitchen and use a phone and then pulled the receiver from the wall and threw it on the floor.

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Conservation warrant

Lynn David Spencer, 31, of the 2000 block of Beechwood Avenue was arrested at 10:46 a.m. March 12 in the 1100 block of Madison Avenue.

Spencer was charged with driving with his license was suspended and was also served an Illinois Department of Conservation warrant, alleging failure to appear on a charge of having two persons in a canoe with no personal flotation device on board. He was released to conservation department authorities the same day.

Buckle up your infant

Each year, more than 1,000 infants and toddlers are killed in motor vehicle collisions, according to the National Safety Council.

The council is reminding parents that a correctly-used child safety seat is a small child's best protection against death or injury in a traffic crash.

"Insist that your child be buckled up for every car trip — no matter how short."

County warrant served

Richard Anthony Harwell, 24, of St. Louis was served a Madison County felony warrant charging probation violation when arrested at 11:25 a.m. March 16 on Lincoln Ave. 203 at Harrison Street. On Lincoln Ave.

The warrant carried a \$20,000 bond.

A Madison officer made the arrest after stopping a U-Haul truck with Nebraska registration. Harwell, who initially gave police a different name, was alleged. Harwell was transferred to the Madison County Jail in Edwardsville and the truck he was driving was towed, police said.

Motorcycle stereo stolen

A stereo radio and cassette player was stolen from the dashboard of a motorcycle at the home of Rosie Griffith in the 1800 block of Fourth Street, she reported March 10.

Woman punched in face

Douglas Eugene Justus, 28, of the 2400 block of Edwards Street was arrested there at 1:28 a.m. March 10 and booked for battery. He posted \$52 bail and was released.

Police went to the Edwards address and found Sheryl D. Wiley, 22, standing in the street screaming.

Wiley alleged Justus had punched her in the left eye with his fist. An officer said the victim had swelling to the left eye area and cheek.

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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE
FOR VENICE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT**

- I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Venice Township Road District for the fiscal year 1990-1991 will be held on Monday, March 26, 1990 at 7:15 P.M., at 1502 5th Street, Madison, Illinois. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Eddie L. Salmon, Highway Commissioner, 1502 5th Street, Madison, Illinois. Telephone number 618-452-1121.
- II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes estimated for 1989-90 were \$38,760.60. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 1990-91 are \$44,328.00. This represents a 16.72% increase over the previous year.
- III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 1989-90 were zero dollars. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 1990-91 are zero dollars. This represents a zero % over the previous year.
- IV. The total property taxes estimated for 1989-90 were \$38,760.60. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 1990-91 are \$44,328.00. This represents an increase of 16.72% over the previous year.

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Classified Liners:

Pet shelter to be expanded

GRANITE CITY — The Association for the Protection of Animals is seeking funds for the expansion of the shelter in the near future. It is located at 5000 Old Alton Road.

Due to a lack of space at the shelter, a building fund will be started soon, it was announced at the APA's March meeting.

Proceeds in the fund will be utilized to add a new wing to the existing building. The added wing will house cats and the present space will be used for dogs only.

Shelter Supervisor Rose Atkins reported on adoptions at the shelter. Animals waiting for adoption at the time of the meeting totaled 57 cats, 29 dogs and 10 head of pigs.

Since June 1, 1989, the APA has placed 199 pets in adoptive homes.

The monthly meeting of the association was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Granite City. The meeting was opened by President Judy Gordon.

Anita Wortham, secretary, and Thelma Mitchell, treasurer, presented reports and Betty Hargrove was appointed as new secretary to replace Wortham, who is relocating. Richard Henson will replace Wortham on the auditing committee.

Since January 1990 the APA has accepted four members and 12 new volunteers.



NEW LOOK: The Association for the Protection of Animals was presented with two signs, both donated by Gary Zimmer and Dr. Richard Hodshire (pictured). This one marks the driveway entrance to the APA shelter at 5000 Old Alton Road in Granite City. The second sign is located at the shelter entrance itself.

T-shirts may now be ordered by members and volunteers. The artwork on the shirts was designed by Nikki Rodgers of Granite City.

Guests present for the evening were Mary Barr, Steve Harrington, Pam Partney and June Price.

Members of the board of directors present were Chris Davis, Bill Hatton, Richard Hodshire, Everett Hodshire, Dan Partney and Louise Wade.

Refreshments were served immediately following the meet-

ing.

The next scheduled meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Old Alton Road. Dr. Richard Hodshire is the scheduled guest speaker, discussing plans for Pets and People Village, a place where retired or handicapped people may live with their pets.

Anyone interested in information about APA activities may contact the APA at 921-7030 or may write to P.O. Box 1311, Granite City, or visit the shelter.

What's hot? — recycling; what's not? — incineration, big landfills

By Roger Kramer
Staff writer

EDWARDSVILLE — In an ideal recycling community, people would use baking soda and "elbow grease" to scour dirty ovens, instead of buying chemical cleaners packaged in toss-away cans.

People would buy their food in the largest possible recyclable containers, instead of numerous smaller containers.

And photographs and newsprint would be both recyclable and derived from recycled products, said John Thompson, executive director of the Champaign-based Central States Education Center.

Thompson brought his idea of a model community to a handful of people attending a talk he gave recently at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Studies indicate each American will throw away about five pounds of waste per day this year, double that thrown away in 1960, Thompson said.

"In 1960, you didn't have the fast-food restaurants. You had no disposable diapers. You didn't have microwave ovens and all the packaging that goes with them," he said.

If current disposal rates continue, Thompson said, Illinois will run out of landfill space in the mid-1990s.

Many of the trash-saving ideas touted are being used in Champaign-Urbana as part of the group's Model Community program, Thompson said.

Edwardsville Alderman Susan Donnelly, who

attended the talk, said many of the programs could work in this area, also. Edwardsville and Glen Carbon already have curbside recycling programs, she noted.

"There are a lot of good ideas, but it's going to take some time to implement all of them," Donnelly said.

The Central States Education Center is a not-for-profit group that has helped communities in Illinois and Indiana develop waste-reduction programs and battle landfill construction in rural areas, Thompson said.

Recycling also is preferred over incineration where feasible.

"The rural areas are being targeted for protective landfills that would serve larger communities," the speaker warned.

The education center formerly developed waste-reduction programs for small communities and is now more expensive programs like recycling centers.

But now, the center is developing a program for more affluent areas like Champaign-Urbana, the home of the University of Illinois.

Thompson said the program includes:

• A model waste hauler who gives discounts to customers who recycle waste.

• Two model supermarkets that have shelf labels for least-wasteful and recyclable packages and for non-toxic chemicals.

• Model copying shops that offer recycled used paper.

• And, a model newspaper, the *Daily Illini*, that uses 100 percent recycled newsprint and recycles other paper.

both of Granite City. They were married Jan. 1, 1990.

Paul J. Misturak and Dawn E. (Young) Misturak, both of Granite City. They were married Dec. 26, 1966.

Daniel J. Evets and Christine L. (Sieber) Evets, both of Granite City. They were married July 14, 1979.

Norman W. Tappel of Pontoon Beach and Robin E. (Brewer) Tappel of Granite City. They were married Dec. 15, 1979.

William D. Haynes and Carol J. (Elliott) Haynes, both of Granite City. They were married May 27, 1988.

Gay K. Wilson of Roxana and Deanna R. (Hayes) Wilson of Granite City. They were married May 7, 1988.

Kenneth W. Dowdy and Gail L. (Dowdy) Dowdy, both of Granite City. They were married July 25, 1987.

John E. Thebeau of St. Charles, Mo., and Angela K. (Thompson) Thebeau of Granite City. They were married Jan. 7, 1989.

Richard A. Foreshee and Debra K. (Bester) Foreshee, both of Granite City. They were married May 25, 1987.

James W. Edmond and Barbara C. (Froman) Edmond, both of Granite City. They were married May 29, 1989.

William D. Haynes and Carol J. (Elliott) Haynes, both of Granite City. They were married May 27, 1988.

David A. Beasley and Deborah M. (Faith) Beasley, both of Granite City. They were married Dec. 5, 1987.

Mark A. Dunscomb and Cynthia K. (Huffines) Dunscomb, both of Granite City. They were married Dec. 26, 1988.

John C. McIntyre and Brenda E. (O'Bryan) McIntyre, both of Granite City. They were married May 7, 1988.

Both of Granite City. They were married Jan. 1, 1990.

John M. Misturak and Dawn E. (Young) Misturak, both of Granite City. They were married May 18, 1985.

Carl T. Witt and Sharon S. (Ray) Witt, both of Granite City. They were married Oct. 30, 1981.

Frank F. Arnold and Kelly E. (Dempster) Arnold, both of Granite City. They were married Dec. 6, 1989.

Both of Granite City. They were married July 15, 1988.

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IRS warns: Bogus agents are out and about in this region

GRANITE CITY — As if there weren't enough of the real ones already, there are apparently some fake IRS agents working in this area.

Ronald J. Lambert, regional inspector of the Midwest Region of the Internal Revenue Service, said there have been a number of reports of con artists masquerading as IRS agents throughout the Midwest.

One man defrauded victims by saying he was a member of the IRS task force which could work out tax payment plans for businesses.

Another scam a con artist called "Pete" and said that he had won a prize in a contest, but must pay taxes on it before it could be delivered. The victims were instructed to send the "tax payment" to a post office box.

Lambert offered these tips to avoid being victimized by a bogus IRS agent.

If you owe additional taxes or are having your tax payments questioned, you will usually receive a notice by mail.

If the first contact is by telephone, ask for a call-back number. Then ask for an explanation of the tax owed and why written notice was not received.

If you are contacted by telephone, ask that person to tell you your Social Security number.

Keep in mind this step isn't absolute proof of identity, con artists might get the number from another source.

If someone comes to your door, ask them to produce identification.

IRS officials always carry distinctive U.S. Treasury identi-

fication that clearly displays their name and picture.

If you're asked for a cash payment to cover a tax liability, that person is probably an impostor.

Payments to the IRS should be made by check or money order payable to the Internal Revenue Service.

Lambert said the Internal Security Division of the Inspection Service is responsible for all matters that affect the integrity of IRS. It also handles the impersonation of IRS officials.

He said people who are unsure of the identity of a person presenting IRS credentials, doubt the validity of telephone calls or suspect a scheme should call the IRS at (314) 532-2900 any time, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Employers invited to job fair

GRANITE CITY — The 11th annual Job Fair for the Handicapped will be held on Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Old Alton Road.

Employers with equal opportunity needs will meet with special education students and adults.

Representatives of social service agencies that provide assistance to employers and the disabled will be on hand to explain benefits.

Among the agencies are the Illinois Department of Employment Security, which offers the Tax Credit Program to help employers hire the handicapped; the Department of Rehabilitation Services, which offers supported employment and job coaches free of charge; and the Jobs Now Program, which will find a prescreened, qualified job applicant within 72 hours.

Special education job applicants will interview with agencies that offer training programs, and employers will explain qualifications for any job openings they have.

Foster family sought for teen-age boy

GRANITE CITY — Foster parents are especially needed for teenagers who have successfully completed a residential treatment program.

These teens need a foster family before they are reunited with their biological families or move into an apartment on their own.

John is one of these teens. He was frequently involved with law enforcement and school officials because of curfew and truancy violations.

Eventually, this led his parents to admit that they were

unable to control his behavior.

When John was 14, he was placed in a foster home. Unfortunately, the family was unable to control his behavior by the usual means of rewards and withholding privileges.

They found his outbursts of anger and his truancy violations were causing the family extreme anxiety and loss of sleep. After six months, the foster parents asked that he be moved.

A group home was selected for John, providing counseling and

therapy to help him learn appropriate ways to express his feelings. He has been in a group home for one year. He now exhibits some respect for authority and rarely displays his temper. He is an enthusiastic student in a special class where his work is years behind his peers. He is regarded as ready for a foster home.

Those interested in a teen-like John, or in foster care in general, may contact Jeanette Rettie, resource development specialist, at 876-5985 or 1-800-624 KIDS.

School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Manager's choice

Tuesday - Pizza, tater tots, buttered vegetable, fruit cup

Wednesday - Parent/teacher conferences; no school

Friday - Institute Day; no school

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Hamburger on bun, dill slices, french fries, peaches

Tuesday - Beef ravioli, baked potato, applesauce

Wednesday - Polish sausage, buttered corn, banana pudding

Thursday - Institute Day; no school

Friday - Institute Day; no school

Holy Family

Monday - Hamburger on bun, french fries, spanish rice, peas, pickles

Tuesday - Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, rice, green beans, pineapple tidbits

Wednesday - Pizza, corn salad, peanut butter crackers, raspberry jam

Thursday - Chili or chilli mac, cheese chunks, peanut butter bread, lemon pudding

Friday - Institute Day; no school

St. Elizabeth

Monday - Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, buttered vegetables, fruit

Tuesday - Chili and crackers, peanut butter sandwich, apple juice

Wednesday - Ravioli with meat sauce, buttered vegetable, cupcake and fruit

Thursday - Hamburger or cheeseburger on bun, french fries, buttered vegetable, peanut butter candy

Friday - Institute Day; no school

Head Start

Monday - Cubed ham and beans, muffin cornbread, carrots, diced pears

Tuesday - Pork cutlet with gravy, bread dressing, pineapple, peas and carrots

Wednesday - Ground beef patty, bun, baked beans, french fries, fruit cup

Thursday - Meatless vegetable soup, chicken salad, saltines, slaw with dressing, apple

Friday - Institute Day; no school

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Letters

Capital gains among many 'can't agree' controversies

The following column is by U.S. Sen. Paul Simon, an Illinois Democrat from Makanda.

A young man asked me, "Why can't we reach more agreement on what the nation should do? We have people that all of us can see. Why can't we agree on how to solve them?"

There are several answers to that.

One goes back to my school days. A teacher arranged for two to suddenly rush into our classroom, one shouting the other, shouting a few things at each other.

Then the teacher asked us to answer questions. What were the two people wearing? What color hair did each have? What did they say?

Here was a relatively simple set of facts that all of us saw and heard, yet we came up with a whole series of different conclusions about what had happened. And when you move from what is easily observed to judge-

ment calls about what action to take, it should not surprise anyone that there is great diversity about conclusions.

I recently read opinions of two distinguished Jewish scholars. One said that there are 613 directives for people to follow, quoting the Torah, the first five books of Moses in the Old Testament. The other said there are three commandments: quiet, peace, and silence. "What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."

Who is right? In a sense both are.

If we cannot agree on what our eyes tell us, and if we cannot agree on what words in front of us say, it should not surprise us that when we move to questions of taste or judgment, there are major differences.

And that's what politics is—making judgment calls on how we meet problems and achieve our potential.

We approach those judgments from differing backgrounds.

Ask the question, "What is the nation's number one problem?"

To a homely person, it might be having to pay to parent of a child in a miserably inadequate school, it might be education; to a couple overwhelmed with hospital and medical bills, it might be an improved health care system; to an economist, the deficit.

With those differing backgrounds and perspectives, a free system has to struggle to come up with answers to which a majority of policymakers can agree.

What complicates this process is that those who view our problems from the perspective of the economically more fortunate also have concerns that require financial support for political campaigns.

So that one perspective tends to outweigh others. The field is not a level field for all citizens.

Almost every economist in the nation says our major economic problem is the deficit. We have to get that deficit reduced and, I hope, eventually eliminated.

But the argument in Congress is not about how we reduce the deficit, but is over a tax cut.

While some arguments can be made for capital gains tax cuts, the House-passed bill provides an average of a \$25,000 tax cut for those with incomes over \$200,000 a year and who realize gains.

If we have extra revenue, should we be reducing the deficit or pleasing big campaign contributors?

That's the basic question. That's the number of things technically wrong with the capital gains bill as it passed the House, but this basic question is the major and uncomfortable one we must face.

Look for facts in lead scare

To the editor:

What a spectacle EPA has created! Lead in the ground in Granite City? If the pile of dirt at Taracorp is not large enough, EPA will make it more spectacular by building it larger than Monks Mound.

The problem is EPA could have started 11 years ago with the great lead pile when reported to Illinois and USEPA by the Granite City Air Pollution Department, engineers and inspectors.

It's like gunbusters' annual inspections by a team of USEPA inspectors who made sure functioning of the Granite City Air Pollution Department was proper. No one paid attention to the lead pile although the Superfund

was available.

Frightening people with publicity is harming the image of Granite City, nearly comparable to Times Beach. Also, cleaning up 55 blocks is disastrous, to say the least. This would encompass much of the Quad City area.

We should have independent firms to conduct an accurate testing of the surrounding soil for the scope of any dirt contamination, before any more hysteria is created without facts.

By all means, eliminate the lead pile now and make corrective actions only in areas where

it is.

Let Granite City go on with its business.

CASMER SKUBISH
1st Ward alderman and former city air pollution inspector

Insurance companies destroying our rights

To the editor:

I believe that trying to get insurance before Jan. 1, 1990, was much easier than trying to get it now. And that the insurance companies have managed to raise their rates each and every year is just more than a coincidence.

There are one or two problems in this matter. In effect, the government might as well drop all its regulations on insurance companies.

The President and Congressional leaders need to establish our national priorities within current revenues. They shouldn't support two-year "quick-fix" that would add billions to the national debt five years from now.

Yet, it seems that nobody cares; just pay it and forget it. It's fine if you have the money, but what about the poor people who can't afford the car, let alone the ridiculously high-priced insurance.

A case in point: You will find that each insurance company has at least three to four agencies, and each one has a different slogan, say, "We care." That is the job to be in. Take 'em to the cleaners, they say.

I feel like selling my car and riding on Bi-State, instead of paying those amounts.

A new car is too expensive nowadays, in addition to the insurance on it.

When I had full coverage it was only a little over \$300. Now the lowest I can find is about \$540 for only liability coverage. This is happening to me.

I fail to understand how Madison is considered a higher risk than Granite City. This is pitiful. It seems to be legalized thievery, and they get away with it.

WILLIAM BARBER
Madison

Bible addresses killing, protect unborn babies

To the editor:

The definition of kill is to deprive of life, to slay, to put to death, to destroy, to neutralize, to weaken or dilute, to render inactive.

That is what abortion does to the unborn baby—referred to as the fetus—when it is ripped from the mother's womb.

• Abortion kills the unborn baby.

• Abortion deprives the unborn baby of life.

• Abortion slays the unborn baby.

• Abortion puts to death the unborn baby.

• Abortion renders the unborn baby inactive.

• Abortion destroys the unborn baby.

In his letter to the editor, a man wrote, "God Almighty never made a law outlawing abortion. . . . Abortion kills the fetus, which is unclean and outlawed in the Old Testament and in the New Testament."

There is no law against love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance.

Abortion does not fit in this group.

CATHERINE E. PACE
Granite City

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How to solve the foreign trade deficit outlined

To the editor:

Foreign trade can enhance the economies of all who participate, but only if it is fair trade. If one country which has free-market privileges in other countries places restrictions and heavy taxes on foreign coming in, it is not practicing fair trade.

This seems to be the case with Japan. We have heard stories of how a person in Japan would have to pay \$50,000 for an Amer-

ican-made Chevette while their cars of similar value are sold in this country for under \$10,000. This is unfair trade.

There are a number of things we can do to correct this.

We could pass laws requiring Japan to pay a high tariff on its cars and other goods sold here. But this could cause repercussions in international trade.

We could pass a law that simply states that all countries

doing trade with us would face the same restrictions on their goods sold here as they place on our goods sold in their country. I think this would be a very good law and we should pass such a law immediately.

Or we could use another method that has worked well almost every time it has been used; that is for Americans to simply boycott goods from any country that practices unfair trade.

America is the most lucrative market so a boycott would be very effective. It would tell the world that we want to be trade partners with everyone who is willing to trade fairly with us.

It does not make sense for us to go on year after year buying their goods when they restrict their markets to our goods.

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School

Briefly

Computer courses to start

The Office of Continuing Education will be sponsoring seven, non-credit computer classes beginning March 26 at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville during Spring Quarter.

All classes and sections listed will be conducted from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and will be located in the Peck Classroom Building. The fee for the Introductory Class for IBM-PCs and MS-DOS will be \$150. Each of the other courses carry a \$150 fee.

For more information, interested persons may contact the Office of Continuing Education at 692-3210.

Dance classes at SIUE

Dance classes are being offered during the spring quarter at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. Classes are sponsored by the office of continuing education, and will begin the week of March 25.

Various levels of the ballroom dances are being offered from the "Brand-New" to the advanced, Imperial Swing I and II will also be taught as well as shag, the increasingly popular West Coast Swing and California Two Step.

For information and to register call 692-3210.

St. E kindergarten sign-up

Kindergarten registration will be held at the St. Elizabeth School Office during the week of April 2-6. The time is 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during school hours.

Registrations are numbered as they come in for the purpose of assignment. Parents will be asked to sign-up for a kindergarten teacher time held on May 1. Kindergarten students do not wear uniforms.

Parents will need to present a copy of their child's birth certificate, baptismal certificate and pay a \$50 book fee. All those registering must be 5 years old by Sept. 1.

A representative from Fisher's Uniform Supply will be in the school cafeteria on April 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. to take orders and fit children.

Now enrolling at U of I.

Enrollment for summer correspondence courses is now under way at the University of Illinois.

More than 130 undergraduate courses in 30 subject areas from anthropology to business are available, said Morris Sammons, coordinator of Guided Individual Study. Correspondence course credits can be applied to a U of I. degree or transferred to another school.

Each year more than 4,000 people — including college students, full-time employees, housewives, military personnel and the disabled — attend college by mail through the program, which is more than 50 years old, Sammons said.

A course catalog and enrollment information are available from Guided Individual Study, Suite 1406, 302 E. John St., Champaign, Ill. 61820; (217) 333-1321. Guided Individual Study is a unit of the Office of Continuing Education and Public Service.

Host families sought

Host families are being sought for high school exchange students from a variety of overseas countries for the 1990-91 school year.

Students in the program come from Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Holland, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Portugal, France, Italy, Greece, Ecuador, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Thailand and Yugoslavia.

The students, age 15 through 17, will arrive in the United States in August 1990. They will attend a local high school and return to their home countries in June 1991.

All the visiting students are fluent in English and have been screened by school representatives in their home countries. They have spending money and are covered by medical insurance.

AISE is also seeking American high school students, age 15 through 17, who are interested in spending a high school year in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, New Zealand or Australia, or participate in a five-week summer stay with host families throughout Western Europe.

Families interested in either program should call toll-free: 1-800-SIBLING.



DO YOU READ ME? Prather School students (left to right) Jimmie Morgan, Laura Marshall, John Sappington, Nickolas Arnold and Jennifer Krech, as well as Chapter One teachers Peggy Dillard, left, and Judy Clegg, and a first-grade teacher Premo Chisolm, center, in a 'Do You Read Me?' Day by wearing nothing that can be read. The activity launched a month of special reading projects designed to encourage pupils and parents to read for pleasure.

Ranken named college

ST. LOUIS — Ranken Technical Institute, a nonprofit institution offering trade and technical courses at the post-secondary level, is changing its name to Ranken Technical College, it was announced by Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft during ceremonies at the historic St. Louis campus.

The name change was made in response to a recommendation in 1989 from the North-Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Ranken is the first trade/technical school in the country to receive the North-Central accreditation.

"It gives me great pleasure to make this announcement," said Ashcroft. "Ranken has a tradition of academic excellence and is truly a leader in its field, so to serve the entire community."

Ranken offers two-year programs, leading to the degree of associate of technology, as well as evening school certificate programs and certified members of nondegree programs.

Students completing the degree program enjoy a 95 percent job placement rate, administrators said.

The college received a five-year accreditation from the North-Central Association, the maximum allowed for an initial accreditation.

"The accreditation is North-Central is one of the most significant events in Ranken's history," said Ben H. Ernst, director.

Ranken Technical College was founded in 1907 by David Ranken Jr., an Irish-born immigrant who moved to St. Louis in 1902 to assume charge of his late uncle's large estate.

He served as director of the Missouri Pacific Railroad and was an active member in St. Louis civic affairs.

Several years before his death, Ranken gave more than \$1 million to found an educational foundation "to further the development of the most perfect skill in workmanship and the inculcation of respect for the dignity of labor."

In 1910, the year of his death, he endowed nearly \$1 million to the school. Today the endowment created by Ranken continues to pay for more than half of the institution's yearly cost of day school operation.

BAC grants tenure to instructor

Belleville Area College trustees have granted tenure to Mary Herzog, an English instructor at the Granite City Campus. She began working as a part-time instructor in 1982 and achieved full-time status in 1987.

The BAC board also has approved an across-the-board increase of \$1.50 per hour for 24 part-time professional employees whose wages had been frozen since 1987.

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GCHS musicians compete in IHSA singing contest

The Granite City High School Vocal Music Department attended the Illinois High School Association State Music Contest at Belleville High School on Saturday, March 3, and won 17 first-place medals and five second-place honors.

Soloists winning first-place ratings were Kyle Braundmeier, Carrie Heck, Chris Kraus, Carl McCallister, Lisa Parker, April Polivick, and Scott Tripp, and Anna Hicks, winning second-place honors were Lisa Dohogne, Lisa Lucas, Lynda Mahoney, Becky Schwab, Kim Sealey,

Students winning first-place medals on ensembles were Amanda Bettis, Lonnies Bettis, Kyle Braundmeier, Sascha Cart-

er, Lisa Dagon, Tonya Cook, Lisa Dohogne, Douglas Edwards, Karen French, Jason Greco, Melissa Griffin, Carl Hecht, Antee Hines, Terri Kent, Nicole Kinner, Christopher Kraus, Keri Lewis, Lisa Lucas, Christopher Madden, Lynda Mahoney, Shari Mattern, Cari McCallister, John Miller, Lynn Nemecek, Jennifer Morris, Lisa Parker, April Polovick, John Pope, John Redstone, Christian Richeson, Rebecca Schwab, Kimberly Sealey, Carlie Smith, Keri Smith, Jeremy Thornton, Scott Tripp, Alison Whitmer, Melissa Woehrli, Cynthia Yates, and Jeremy Zaruba.

Gail Mueller is the choral director at Granite City Senior High School.

Exam deadline this week

Advanced Placement Exams for college-bound high school seniors will be given at Granite City High School in May.

Students interested in taking a specific exam should contact Sonya Adkerson, guidance coordinator at Granite City High School, before Friday, March 23.

High scores on AP exams can lead to exemptions from college or university freshman-level subject courses so the student may enroll directly in higher level courses, or receive college credit

Freshman honored

Lisa Kult, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kult of Granite City, was inducted into the Freshman Honors Society at Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo.

To attain the honor, Kult earned a grade point average between 3.5 and 4.0 for the 1989 fall semester. The four-year, liberal arts college is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Dance classes set

The Office of Continuing Education will be sponsoring 10 non-credit dance classes at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. All classes will meet in the Vadalabene Center.

Classes include: adult tap dance, beginning ballroom dance, Imperial Swing, Imperial Swing II and Shag and West Coast Swing and the Two-Step.

For more information call the Office of Continuing Education at 692-3210.

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People



Harry Hamm

No Mitzi Gaynor, less in audience

Mitzi Gaynor received less than glowing notices about her singing and dancing last week in the Muny production of "Anything Goes" at the Fox Theater.

But it was laryngitis and not bad reviews that forced her out of the final five performances of the play and prompted about 2,000 people to seek refunds on their tickets.

If you have any doubts about the legitimacy of her illness, consider the fact that a no-play, no-pay clause in her contract cost her between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in missing fees for performances, a source said.

Speaking of losing, the Muny patrons who asked for their money back lost a chance to see Gaynor's understudy, Gail Cook Howell, who received rave reviews and standing ovations from the audiences who saw her perform.

The attendance for "Anything Goes" — less cancellations but including non-paid tickets given to the press, VIPs and charitable groups — was a disappointing 18,400.

The Repertory Theater of St. Louis will open its 1990 season Sept. 5 with "Our Country's Good," a show described as an uplifting, backstage comedy, and close the season with "Driving Miss Daisy," a play about the growing relationship of an aging Southern woman and her chauffeur. That show opens March 13.

"Our Country's Good" will be followed Oct. 10 by "The Heidi Chronicles," a play now on Broadway that won the 1989 Pulitzer Prize and a Tony Award as best play; an outrageous comedy, "A Day in Mississippi," follows on Nov. 26.

Owing to the fact that the American Theater currently is without seats since owner Charlie Cella had them removed for his daughter's coming-out party, Rep artistic director Steve Woolf says there is no longer a demand for theater in town, from the standpoint of seating capacity, that can book touring dramatic shows.

"It's kind of a mixed blessing," Woolf says. "On the good side, it means we get a chance at some shows like 'Driving Miss Daisy' that several years ago would have been put on at the American by the Muny. On the other side of the coin, we only have so many slots in our season and they can't all be filled by current or recent Broadway hits. That's not our purpose."

So unless a musical is built that seats about 2,000 people, or somehow the Fox gets involved, St. Louis is going to miss a lot of good shows since the Muny is only booking musicals."



Alan Sculley

Dirty Dozen takes modern approach

When the Dirty Dozen Brass Band started out 12 years ago, there were only two other brass bands in the group's hometown of New Orleans.

Now, three albums and more than a decade later, there are more than 20 brass bands in New Orleans, and similar combos are springing up in other cities.

There is little doubt that the national success of the Dirty Dozen Brass Band has had much to do with the resurgence of brass-band style of music.

But according to the group's leader, Gregory Davis, the Dirty Dozen Brass Band has encountered its share of resistance along the way.

Much of the criticism has centered on the Dirty Dozen's "modern approach" to brass band music.

The group is structured like a traditional brass band. Along with Davis, who plays trumpet, the group also includes Efreim Towns on trumpet, Charles Lewis on trumpet, Kirk Jones on tuba, Roger Lewis on baritone sax, Kevin Harris on tenor sax, Lionel Baptiste on bass drum and Jeneil Marshall on snare drum.

But rather than sticking closely to the kind of music that was popular in the first half of the century, the group has quickened the tempo of its songs and incorporated elements of funk, bebop, rhythm and blues, and other styles into its repertoire.

"A lot of people used to say we shouldn't play this type of style. You know, don't do that music. It's not traditional or that or that or whatever," Davis, 33, said.

But it was impossible for the group members to ignore their other musical influences. Davis noted that the members of the Dirty Dozen Brass Band had been in groups that played funk, rhythm and blues, and other contemporary styles.

Besides, experimenting with music only seemed natural, Davis said.

"The whole essence of jazz is to be able to go beyond what is written or beyond what everyone else is doing. So we did make an attempt to do that," said Davis.

The Dirty Dozen Brass Band will perform March 29 at Mississippi Nights. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door.

A real TAN

Local man invents item both hot and cool

By Andy Siering
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A local man who has invented a new tanning device has fitting initials for such a feat. T.A.N.

That's Alain Niesciur, 27, has applied for a patent on Mister Chair, which emits a fog of ultra-fine water that keeps the tanner cool while magnifying the sun's rays. The result, Niesciur says, is a faster, more comfortable tan.

The invention may mean a fast trip to Easy Street for Niesciur and his investors, manufacturer and marketing agent.

A marketing study done by a consulting firm, International Institute of Marketing Research in San Diego, Calif., said, "The product appears to be attractive. There is a relatively low risk of marketing a new product of this type."

Niesciur is more emphatic. "There's nothing out there like it. That's why we're so gung-ho."

Niesciur doesn't look like an inventor — at least not the absent-minded-professor type storied on stage and screen. He looks more like Tom Cruise and, well, that's what some of his friends call him, he says.

Niesciur said he likes to tan, but not in tanning spas. "I don't believe in the artificial stuff," he said. "I believe in the real thing."

The problem with the real thing — especially in the Midwest — is that it is hot, sticky and downright oppressive. That's a big advantage of his invention. Cooled by the fine mist from Mister Chair, people will be able to get a deep tan in a quarter of the time — and keep cool while they're doing it, he said.

Prototypes of Mister Chair are nearing completion. The chair will be manufactured, at least at first, by Florida Pipeline, a patio furniture manufacturer in Stuart, Fla., near Palm Beach. Niesciur has an agreement with the company by which he and his marketing and licensing agent will split an 8 percent royalty.

Niesciur has four partners, who put in money as needed. With \$40,000 invested to date, he expects it will take another \$40,000 to get Mister Chair on the market.

Niesciur and his partners, incorporated as Tan Enterprises, will get 80 percent of the royalties, and Acel International Corp. of St. Louis will get 20 percent.

The chair will come in three models: a chaise lounge, an upright patio chair and a retro-fit attachment for existing furniture. It should retail between \$30 and \$60, depending on the model, Niesciur said.

Niesciur said he and his partners hope to have of 300,000 units through direct mail by the end of August. They and their corporate and Florida and Acel will advertise in national tabloids and women's magazines, Niesciur said, adding that market research indicates 75 percent of buyers will be women.

If all goes according to plan, they will take their sales track record to travel chains. "They want to see how the product before they'll put it on their shelves," Niesciur said.

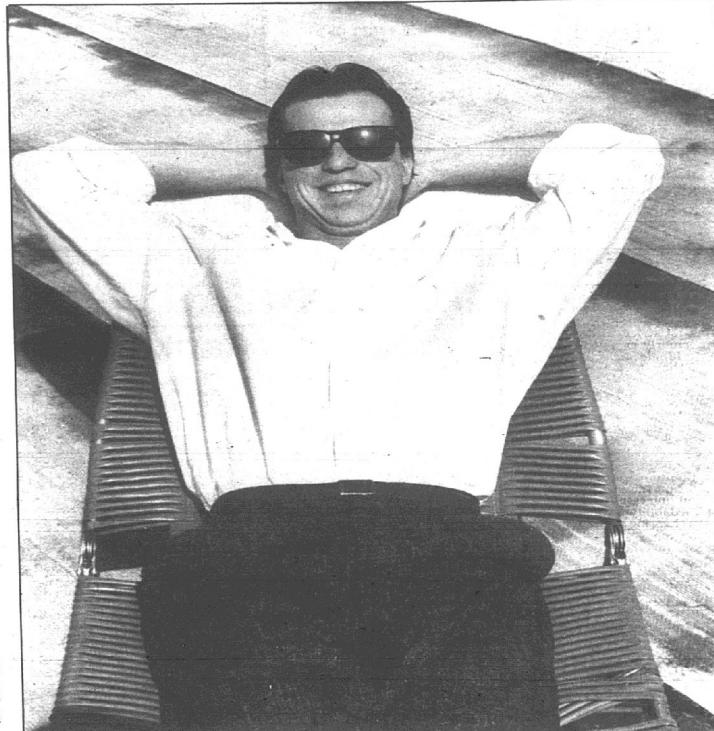
Tom Acel, president of the new-product marketing company that helped Niesciur bring his "baby" to birth, is very optimistic about its chances of success.

"I've never seen anything like it, and neither has Floridian," said Acel, who has lived in and spent considerable time in the sun in such places as Florida and California.

"They (Floridian Pipeline) are very familiar with the market and that's why they took it on."

Acel and Michael Ancona, president of Floridian Pipeline, both said the cooling mist from Mister Chair helps keep blood pressure down while tanning.

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HOT MILLIONS is what Tom Niesciur is hoping his new suntanning chairs will bring him. Niesciur poses on a regular chaise lounge, awaiting arrival from Florida of the first prototypes. (Staff photo by Andy Siering)

"We think it's an excellent idea," Ancona said. The three companies involved are hoping the retro-fit attachment will be attractive to hotel chains, Niesciur said.

Niesciur, a chemical operator for Air Products Inc. of Greenville, said he has probably expended about 4,000 hours in two years on getting his product to the manufacturing stage.

He's glad now that he did.

"They say that everybody's got an invention in them. Everybody's thought of something somewhere sometime that they could improve on. But

they don't do anything. They sit there and wait around until somebody else does it. What it takes is hard work and persistence."

Once Mister Chair has him sitting pretty, Niesciur said, he will go back to work on another invention that he's been working on: an ice cooler that gets its cool, not from ice, but from solar power.

What else would you expect from a guy whose initials spell TAN?

Swimsuit time is here again

By Jean Abernathy
Correspondent

Most women hate doing it.

They fear it. They dread it. They do it because they have to.

Hallmark even compared it to nuclear war — calling both worse than birthdays.

The very thought of trying on swimsuits can make a woman's hair stand on end. After all, winter has not been kind. The glow of last summer's unhealthy tan has long since faded. A little (or a lot) of extra fat has accumulated in all the wrong places as a result of more sedentary cold weather life.

And then they have the nerve to come out with the Sports Illustrated Swimsuit edition! Get real.

"Sports Illustrated may sell a lot of magazines with the swimsuit issue but they don't sell a lot of suits," Barbara Barber, owner of B & B Sports & Swim, 1163 Coladone Center, said in Peoria.

"They have a lot of people looking suits. The suits are either too skimpy or they're down to the knee. They aren't practical for most women's bodies."

"We don't have any suits like were featured in Sports Illustrated," Debbie Gaines, merchandise coordinator for Gars Bros./Casey's, said. "But we also don't have many customers like the women in Sports Illustrated."

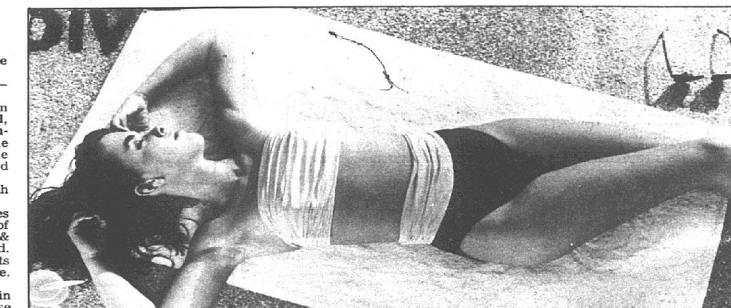
It is time to come to grips with figure flaws and face the facts (or fat?). It is time to go shopping for a swimsuit. The traditional opening of the swimsuit season, Memorial Day weekend, will be here before long.

Barber admits that women hate to try on swimsuits. Now is the best time to choose a suit while there is a good selection, Barber said. Unfortunately many women haven't started the before-summer crash diet. Mirrored that attitude to take 20 pounds off right now, Barber said.

"I sell a suit that says it will take an inch off your waist and it comes with a tape measure to prove it," Barber said. "It is fully lined, front and back."

Barber recommends suits with ruffles or gathers on top for women whose tops are smaller than their bottoms. "The ruffles and gathers give more proportion to the suit," she said.

For heavy thighs and bottoms, a skirt or sheath suit will minimize the imperfections, Barber said. Cathy Burns, manager of Ann's Camer Bra &



LAURA QUILLMAN LOOKS SMART in this Catalina two-piece suit with a strapless peach-colored top and black bottom accented with a peach band across the mid-section. The suit by Catalina (\$54.95) can be found at B&B Sports and Swim in Des Peres.

Lingerie Shop, Olive and Woods Mill, likes to use patterns and colors to minimize figure imperfections.

"A vertical design will minimize a heavy bottom. Black is also a good color for minimizing," Burns said. "A horizontal design will make a short or short-waisted woman look taller."

For a woman who thinks her top is too small, Burns offers an alternative to a ruffle. "The Braza shape kit consists of seven different types of pads that go in a swimsuit," she said.

The pads are held in place with something called Free Support which is like a big Band-Aid," Burns said.

For a woman who doesn't want to enhance her bust line with a kit she might choose the black lyra Catalina suit at B & B. This elegant and

classic suit flatters the bust line with a band of gathered contrasting fabric in white, hot pink or a solid floral print. The suit costs \$36.95. Catalina calls it "Fit for Real Bodies," and says it was designed to "minimize figure problems and maximize your confidence."

For women who think their bottoms are too ample and their tops aren't ample enough, B & B sells another suit by Catalina that does everything. The \$61.95 suit is black with white polka dots and small clusters of multicolored flowers. It has a dropped waistline and a skirt and a ruffle at the top. It can be worn strapless and is very slenderizing.

So ladies, no more excuses, it is time to go shopping for a swimsuit.

Tests set for census hiring

VENICE — The U.S. Census Bureau will be testing on Friday for those who want to work as census takers this summer.

The tests will be conducted at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. March 23 at the Venice Public Library, 325

Records being set on purchase of insurance to comply with new law

First-time insurance consumers have been breaking sales records to buy motor vehicle liability insurance to comply with Illinois' mandatory insurance law, according to an officer of the Illinois Association of Professional Insurance Agents (PIA).

A statewide survey conducted this year by contacting random PIA members found that there was a more than 30 percent increase in the number of policies written for formerly uninsured motorists, compared to a similar time period one year ago.

A number of agents said they fear that their costs associated with establishing these new policies will not be recovered if many of the newly issued policies are not renewed.

"Due to strict underwriting rules, formerly uninsured motorists are labeled as high risks, even if they have maintained good driving records," said PIA Executive Vice President J. Michael Patton.

"It has been extremely challenging for our agents to affordably insure these new customers."

Patton added that the Illinois Senate Committee on Insurance, Pensions and Retirement Benefits has taken interest in the insurance affordability issue, and conducted a hearing in Chicago on Jan. 30.

The PIA is also offering a document to help consumers evaluate and select an insurance agent, as well as tip better

Applicants should bring two types of identification, one of which could be a driver's license, state identification card, U.S. military card or voter registration card.

Also, each applicant is to bring an original Social Security card or a state-registered birth certificate.

The census jobs will last from two weeks to several months this year.

New district scout exec

Council President Gerry Staley has announced the selection of Drew Anderson of Highland to serve as district executive for the Unihi District of the Cahokia Mound Council, Boy Scouts of America.

The council, one of three districts in the council, consists of the Quad City area.

Anderson, a recent graduate of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, is an Eagle Scout and has worked for the last three summers as aquatics director of Boy Scout Camp Sunnen, the local council's camp near Potosi, Mo.

He will be responsible for organizing new units, recruiting and training adult volunteers, and assisting the development of Scouting activities in the local area.

He is the son of Andy and Debbie Anderson, who are also active in Scouting.

At the annual meeting of the Cahokia Mound Council Executive Board, two Madison County men were chosen for key board positions.

Gerry Staley of Highland was

named council president. He is the corporate officer of public affairs at Korte Construction in Highland and is a past chairman of the Kickapoo District.

Terry Toth of Collinsville was appointed council commissioner. He will provide service to units through a volunteer commissioner staff. Toth is a manager of CII Physician Bureau of Collinsville. He is an active member of the Philmont Key-3 Training Program, a past Order of the Arrow lodge chief, and past president of Explorer Post 104.

Second ambulance proposal awaited

NAMEOKI — The Town Board on March 12 tabled a request by Metro Ambulance to serve the township area.

Supervisor Lee Ridgeway said another ambulance service on March 26 may offer to provide the same service for a lower fee.

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Briefly

Granite has 5 homeless dogs

GRANITE CITY — The Animal Control Department reports it had five animals at the city pound as of March 16. Persons wishing to reclaim or adopt one of the animals should call Animal Control at 452-6233.

The animals at the pound are:

- A small brown-and-white male mixed collie puppy found March 12 in the 2400 block of Missouri Avenue.
- A large black male Labrador found March 13 in the 3100 block of Willow Avenue.
- A large black male Labrador found March 14.
- A medium-sized black-and-white male pointer found March 14.
- A small black-and-brown male shepherd puppy found March 15 at Marshall School.

By statute, animals not claimed or adopted may be destroyed five working days following their capture by Animal Control.

Obedience classes in region

The Madison County Humane Society will hold obedience classes beginning April 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Cottonwood Mall, Glen Carbon.

Dorothy English will teach the class. The cost of the 10-week beginner course is \$35 per dog. All dogs must be inoculated and have choke collars.

Six-foot leather leads are also required. Leashes and collars can be purchased the first night of the class.

For information on the class, or on the homeless animals available for adoption, persons may call the MCHS at 656-4405.

Ireland is ostomy group topic

The Ostomy Support Group will be holding its monthly meeting March 27 at 2 p.m. in Pascal Hall on the ground floor of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The meeting will feature "Traveling with an Ostomy — Slides of Ireland."

Refreshments will be served.

The Ostomy Support Group is designed to provide fellowship among people who share a common experience and can provide support to others who are open to anyone who has had a colostomy, ileostomy or urostomy.

Family and friends, as well as those with ostomies, are encouraged to attend. For more information, the number is 798-3167.

Non-credit classes to begin

The Office of Continuing Education of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will be sponsoring six non-credit "business help" classes during the spring. All the classes will meet in SUIE's Peck Classroom Building.

A class about how to write an effective press release will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, March 29. Registration fee for the class is \$20.

"Advertising: Grand Openings and Promotion for Business" will be taught from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Registration is \$20.

"How to Get Free Media Exposure for Your Small Business" will be taught from noon to 3 p.m. Saturdays, April 7 and 28 and May 19. Registration is \$44.

A small-business advertising class will meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12. Registration is \$20.

A class about small business ownership for women will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 24. Registration is \$35.

A class about operating a home-based business will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Registration is \$35.

For more information, the Office of Continuing Education can be called at 692-3210.

Red Cross volunteers needed

Last year, the American Red Cross in the St. Louis area provided first-aid to 1,117 people at events ranging from parades and neighborhood fairs to picnics, competitive runs and athletic tournaments.

Those first-aid services were provided by trained medical personnel who also serve as American Red Cross volunteers. These dedicated volunteers experience the satisfaction of knowing they have helped someone in need," a spokesman said.

As the demand for first-aid stations increases through the spring and summer, the Red Cross has many opportunities for nurses, emergency medical technicians and others who would like to help in their community by working at Red Cross first-aid stations.

The minimum training required for first-aid volunteers is adult CPR and multimedia standard first-aid. Both training courses are available through the Red Cross. Hours at the stations are flexible, but most events take place on weekends, said a spokesman.

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Asbestos bids OK'd

By Meg Tebo
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The District 9 School Board voted Tuesday to accept a bid of \$612,069 for asbestos removal at Granite City High School.

The bid to perform the work was submitted by Asbestos Consultants of Illinois.

GCIS is one of the District 9 buildings designated Priority One, the highest of Illinois, requiring asbestos removal to be completed by July 1991.

A bid from M & O Insulation Co., Peoria, for \$44,720 was accepted for asbestos work at another building, Oneida building, Coolidge Junior High School.

M & O also will work on the third Priority One school, Mitchell Elementary, for \$109,184.

The contracts approved were based on low bids and all were below advance estimates.

The board decided to begin interviewing candidates for the vacant position of head football coach at Granite City High School. No date for the interview was set.

The board accepted the resignation of Coolidge Junior High School football coach Mike Johnson, effective at the end of the current school year.

The board voted to solicit bids for a new district van after an old van was struck from the rear while parked last month. Superintendent of Schools Gib Walmsley said the administration is continuing negotiations with an insurance company of the driver whose vehicle hit the van, to determine reimbursement.

The board approved a proposal to allow all college-bound Granite City High School Juniors to participate in a nine-week seminar in preparation for the American College Test, a standardized college entrance exam. Formerly, only those students in the high school honors program were allowed to take the non-credit seminar.

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FIRST GROUP of SEMC Shadow Program nurse-mentors poses with the program coordinators, Kathy Gauen (far left), cardiac care unit supervisor, portraying Peter Pan, and Donna Fisher (far right), Education Resources director, portraying Wendy.

Nurses aiding nurse recruitment

If the Retention and Recruitment Committee at St. Elizabeth Medical Center has its way, a lot of SEMC nurses will be singing "Just me, and my shadow."

The Shadow Program, a new recruitment plan for nurses at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, came into being during a brainstorming meeting of nurse supervisors.

"We were talking about the uncertainty that goes with getting a new job," said Kathleen Gauen, SEMC supervisor of women who go into a new job you don't know what to expect. You don't know how the organization does things or what the people will be like. There is a lot of uncertainty."

She explained to find a way to show prospective nurses and practicing nurses what a good atmosphere St. Elizabeth has — to show them what a typical day here is like.

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"We decided that a recruiter talking would not be as effective as a nurse standing there talking like down in the trenches, so to speak," Fisher said. "We have

always had a lot of recruitment among student groups who come to St. Elizabeth for their clinical practice. Once they are here, and see the atmosphere, they are very pleased with the professional attitude, the friendly atmosphere and the welcoming nurses give newcomers. Most of them are very interested in joining our staff."

The idea went to the Recruitment and Retention Committee which further developed the idea into the Shadow Program.

In the program, SEMC nurses will serve as mentors for outside nurses interested in a career at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. The shadow will accompany the mentor for a specified amount of time, and see nursing at SEMC first-hand.

"This is the first program of its kind in the Midwest," Gauen said. "Wherever a program like this is, it is really unique for this area. Besides giving us a way to recruit new nurses, it is also a great way to recognize and develop the leadership skills our current nurses have."

SEMC nurses who want to serve as mentors contact their

supervisors. They are then judged on several criteria.

Fisher has set up programs that further develop the nurse-mentor's skills. "Everyone who is selected to serve as a mentor will be assisted in getting ready for a shadow. There will be several preparation sessions which will give them a complete background of the medical center and nursing's role at SEMC."

Even though there will be shadowing, patient confidentiality will still be protected.

"As always, we have considered the rights and feelings of the patients. A statement of confidentiality, similar to the ones volunteers sign, has been prepared for the shadows," Gauen said.

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To The Voters In Nameoki and Chouteau Townships



Dear Neighbor,

In an election to be held on March 20, you will have the opportunity to decide whether or not you wish to join the Granite City Public Library District. By law we are not permitted to ask you to vote for or against the proposition. However, we may tell you about our services and the proposition. Hopefully this ad will be informative.

Project PLUS library cards are available to you FREE OF CHARGE now through June 30, 1990, at either the main library, 2001 Delmar, or the branch library, 2145 Johnson Road. These cards are paid for by a grant from the Illinois State Library, a Division of the Office of the Secretary of State, using federal LSCA funding.

If you have any questions, please visit the main library or call 452-6238 and ask about Project PLUS.

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The Library Board

Who will set the new library district's budget?

It makes sense for areas outside the city to reap the advantages of a strong, experienced library staff and management.

A library district will allow areas outside the city to avoid the costly process of establishing a new library and will allow area taxpayers to achieve a certain "economy of scale."

A library district will eliminate the difficulty of selling library cards to people living in Chouteau and Nameoki townships.

How will the new library district be governed?

The governing body would be elected by the citizens of the district and be responsible only to the voters within the district, Illinois library standards, and the laws of Illinois. It will be completely independent of city government. In short, a library district would be similar to the park district, except that a library district can grow beyond the municipal boundaries. It will be directly responsible and answerable to the voters because the library board will be elected directly by the people.

The library district would become a separate taxing entity. Its basic tax rate would be set by the voters at the current rate of 29.7 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and this basic tax rate could be changed only by permission of the voters. Major budget increases would be dependent upon the economic development of the area.

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The election will be held on March 20. Please exercise your voting privilege and register your opinion. This advertisement is presented by the Granite City Public Library Board and is paid for by a grant from The Illinois State Library, a division of The Office of the Secretary of State, using Federal LSCA Funding.

Friends attend New Jersey military ceremony

Maxine Duniphant covers the Military and the Press-Record Journal. She can be contacted at 931-2714.

Carol Meyer and her friend, Judy Fore, have returned from Ft. Dix, N.J., where they attended an Army graduation ceremony on Feb. 16, for Meyer's daughter, Pvt. Brenda Meyer, who was among the boot camp trainees graduates.

Following the graduation, Pvt. Meyer and her guests visited Atlantic City before she was transferred to Fort Hood in Texas. She will be continuing her Advanced Individual Training as a medical assistant.

On the return trip, the travel-

ers visited the Chocolate Factory in Hershey, Pa., toured the Amish community in Lancaster and visited the National Civil War Memorial at Gettysburg.

Members of the Sisterhood at Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church held their March meeting at Ravanelli's Restaurant on March 9. Nineteen were present.

Saddie Pribble was the hostess and a St. Patrick's Day theme was used. Irish songs were substituted for the regular theme song.

Evelyn Thompson, Sisterhood president, received special recognition as the March birthday celebrant.

Prayer was given by Mary Davis and following the meal,

birthday cake was served and a short business meeting concluded the afternoon's activities.

Also present were: Virginia Kessler, Madeline Shaw, Anne Mercer, Ruthie Lombardi, Opal Davis, Terrie West, Billie Petillo, Geneva Goleman, Millie Sherman, Mary Hanfelder, Eleanor Hobson, Bessie Bercer, Hazel Pierson, Viole Miller, Evelyn Hamilton and Gladys Petillo.

Dorothy Ashford of Dale Avenue accompanied her nephews, Tom Eggley and family of Alton, to the wedding of Dan Rau, on March 10, to attend the wedding of her great-niece, Debra Eggley to Dan Rau. They were married by the groom's father, the Rev. Harold M. Rau.

The newlyweds both attended college in Carbondale and are making their home there.

The bride is the great-granddaughter of Jessie Sayers of Granite City.

Barbara Fulmer of Margaret Avenue was the hostess for the March meeting of the arm Bunko Club. She served a light lunch before the afternoon of games.

Present were: Mary McKinon, Julia Homola, Jeri Schieb, Norma Bennett, Millie Smith

and Karen Orr. Velma Ferrance filled in for a regular member who was unable to attend.

Prize winners were Schieb, Orr and Smith. Hostess for the April 12 gathering will be McKinon.

David Ferguson of Meadow Lane Drive celebrated his birthday on March 12 with his son, Mike, wife of Joann, and Kathryn Baine of Tamms and his wife, Daise.

Later, the Ferguson's son, Frank and his wife, Nancy, and children, Rachel, Becky and Ethan, of Wood River, joined the celebration.

Norman Richter Jr. and his brother, Paul, were accompanied to the St. Louis Science Center by their grandmother,

Jeri Schieb, and their aunt, Karen Orr, on Casmir Pulaski Day.

While there, they visited the Dinosaurs Alive Exhibit, the Discovery Center and the Star Theatre. They also viewed the film, "Myths and Tall Tales."

Later, the group traveled to Fairview Heights where they had dinner at Show Biz Pizza.

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Founder's Day held in Collinsville

Phi Tau Omega Sorority Founders' Day celebration was held at Char's Restaurant in Collinsville, on Saturday, March 10, with the Beta Nu Chapter of Madison as hostesses.

The sorority was founded in St. Louis in March of 1925 making this their 65th anniversary. Aurelia Voelker, one of the eight founders and the international president, was present.

LaVelle Stephens, Beta Nu president, welcomed everyone and gave the opening prayer. Following the luncheon, musical selections were presented by Betty Tormino, Mrs. Charles Whitsell and Mrs. Rick Kindle.

Barbara Newberg, national president from Missouri, gave a brief history and recognition of the founders. Ten past national presidents were in attendance: Aurelia Voelker of St. Louis, Thelma Carboneau of St. Louis, Hilda Schroeder and Mary Hassler of the Granite City chapter, Mabel Staley of Springfield, Rosemary Smille of Aurora, Jolene

Jarpe of Moline, Jan Campbell of Alton and Dorothy Hinson of Madison.

"Teddy Bear's Picnic" was the theme carried out with table decorations and favors. Programs of pink and blue, the sorority's colors, were also used.

There were 79 Phi Tau's present from the following chapters: Alpha Alumnae of St. Louis, Beta and Beta Alumnae of Belleville, Delta of Alton, Delta Phi of St. Louis, Eta and Eta Alumnae of Granite City, Gamma Alumnae of St. Louis, Lambda Nu of Joliet, Sigma Chi of Moline, Theta of Granite City, Zeta of Springfield and the Beta Nu of Madison.

Beta Nu chapter members present were: Patty Anderson, Dorothy Berggrah, Kate Buechle, Frances Cowley, Ollie Derr, Louise Foley, Dorothy Hinson, Norma Hillmer, Roseann Koelker, Jane Modrusic, Bette Nugent, Ruth Nicholas, Shirley Rapoff, Diane Sanders, LaVelle Stephens, Lettie Taylor and Betty Wallace.

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Obituaries



Stella Sekora

Sekora

Stella B. (Drda) Sekora, 88, of Madison died at 2:40 a.m. Friday, March 16, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been ill for eight days.

On April 4, 1901, in Edwardsville, she lived in Madison for 51 years.

She and her husband owned and operated Sekora's Tavern at 10th Street and Madison Avenue, Madison, for 20 years. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Madison and the Ministry of Prayer at St. Mary's.

Surviving are one son, Dr. John Sekora, Chapel Hill, N.C., and two grandchildren.

Her husband, George A. Sekora, died on Oct. 4, 1980; they were married at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edwardsville on July 4, 1938.

Visitation will be held today (Sunday) from 4 to 8 p.m. at Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home, 615 Madison Ave., Madison, with a private Rosary and funeral services at 7 p.m. Burial will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday from the funeral home to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 10th Street and Alton Avenue, Madison, for a 10 a.m. Mass with the Rev. Jim Keefner officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery near Edwardsville.

Suggested memorials are St. Mary's Masses and Improvement Fund.

Venice

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Williams contends that those running the council from voting again on a rejected project within one year unless a motion to reconsider is introduced by an alderman who voted against it the first time.

The project was reintroduced by Franklin and seconded by John Franklin.

"It ain't over," Williams vowed Thursday. The park board still must approve the project because it will take some of the park's property. Williams said he and other opponents were hoping the board would reject the project.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said in his opinion the vote was legal because a committee was formed to study the project along with others after the first vote. "I don't see any violation on that."

Nighohossian said that even if there was a technical violation of the rules of order, no alderman raised an objection on that basis. "The rules make no dif-

Burks

Harmon Burks, 74, of Granite City died at 3:19 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been in ill health for several years.

Mr. Burks was born Feb. 28, 1915, in Fredricktown, Mo., and had lived the past five years in Granite City. He worked for 28 years at Samuels Shoes, was of the Baptist faith and was a member of the Masons.

Survivors include his brother, Jessie Burks of Union, Mo.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Charles and Suzanne Burks.

Visitation was held Saturday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where funeral services followed at 1 p.m. Saturday. His remains were cremated.

Atkisson

Jack E. Atkisson, 62, of West Hills, Calif., formerly of Granite City, died at 7:33 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 1990, at his home. He had been ill for health for several months.

Born Feb. 18, 1928, in Marion, Ill., he resided in Granite City from 1958 to 1973. Mr. Atkisson was a former member of Nameoki Presbyterian Church and a member of the Granite City Bubble masters for many years.

He retired in 1969 as a self-employed painter and decorator of many homes of World War II and an Army veteran of the Korean war.

Survivors include his wife, Betty; two sons, John Atkisson of Lancaster, Calif., and David Atkisson of Canoga Park, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Carol) Hackel of Redding, Calif.; one brother, Bill Atkisson of Marion; two sisters, Mary Ann Moss of Fairview Heights and Mildred Romans of Bellefontaine Neighbors, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

Services were held March 2 at Oakwood Chapel with burial at Oakwood Memorial Park Cemetery, Chatsworth, Calif. Friends may contact his family at 7507 Asman Ave., West Hills, Calif. 91307.

Services unless somebody raises a point of order," he said.

One alderman switched his vote on the project — Philip White of Ward 2. The vote was 5-3. Williams was out of town, but he said he would have voted against it.

Echols' voted even though he didn't have a tie vote. He said Williams was present. Echols would have broken a 4-4 tie and the plan would have been approved 5-4.

White said he changed his vote because he became convinced the project would help attract businesses and customers to downtown Venice.

"We should support progress," White said.

Alderman Henry Fletcher drew vigorous applause from the gallery when he attacked the project on the basis that it would surely increased parking for two liquor stores and for lottery sales.

"What's killing our city now is liquor, lottery and drugs!" he thundered.

Madison

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years and was on the job as recently as March 2.

Kostenko described her as "a dedicated professional and a very courageous lady."

The board accepted letters of endorsement submitted at the end of the current school year, from teachers Louise Jimerson and Nelvin Heisner. Each has been a Madison teacher for 23 years.

The board hired Angela Mallat as a special education aide for the remainder of the school year.

Assistant Superintendent Art Carter reported that the first session with teachers on the new Higher Order Thinking Skills program was held Thursday at Blair School and was "enthusiastically received" by teachers. The new sessions are scheduled in the next several weeks with teachers at Harris School and the Madison Middle School.

The board approved a program that will allow high school

Tosh

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Survivors include her husband, Adrian Tosh; one brother, Jack Hawks of Cabool, Mo.; one sister, Edna Moore of Poplar Bluff, Mo.; and nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Bird and Maude (McGinnigal) Hawks.

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If you see news...

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Strand

Carmie L. (McGee) Strand, 88, of Granite City, formerly of Centralia, died at 10:55 p.m. Friday, March 16, 1990, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She had been ill for six years and in the hospital for two days.

She was born June 29, 1910, in McClure, Ill., and had lived in Granite City for the past nine years. She was retired from International Garment Works in Centralia where she had worked as a seamstress for 35 years, retiring in 1970, and was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include a nephew, Patrick McGee of Granite City, and other nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Olaf, who died in 1955.

Funeral services are pending at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. Friends may call 876-4321 for further details.

Jackson

Jerry (Peoples) Jackson, 49, of St. Louis died Monday, March 12, 1990, after a short illness.

Mrs. Jackson was a veteran second grade teacher at Harris School in Madison. She had been with Madison District 12 since 1969.

Born Aug. 10, 1940, in Columbus, Mo., she had lived most of her life in St. Louis. She was a member of the First Day Adventist denomination and was active in several congregations.

She is survived by two sons, Joel McCray of St. Louis and the Rev. Jay Winston of Sikeston, Mo.; her mother, Edna Mae Coley of St. Louis; her father, Joe Carter Peoples of St. Louis; two brothers, Joe Peoples of Omaha and Larry Peoples of St. Louis; a sister, Tammie Peoples of St. Louis; and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held Thursday in St. Louis. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis.

Lead

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The EPA has proposed a \$25 million Superfund cleanup of lead-contaminated soil in Granite City, Madison, Venice and Eagle Park areas, a permanent site at the former Taracorp site at 15th and State streets. The plan calls for removal of soil in residential areas with a lead level of 500 ppm or greater.

Local government officials, business leaders and many of the residents involved in the project say the cleanup is unrealistic and present a plan prepared by NL Industries, which owned the Taracorp site until 1979. The NL plan would limit removal to areas with a lead level of 1,000 ppm or greater.

Wixson said the "300 ppm or 1,000 ppm question" is one of the things the study could help resolve.

"But there is no such thing as a single magic number," he said. "... It's all site specific. It is impossible to come up with an appropriate level of lead."

It's not lead level in the soil that counts, according to Wixson, but the amount of the lead getting from the soil into the blood. For that reason, he said, the task force recommends starting the population at risk at 500 ppm or greater.

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He said if tests show elevated blood-lead levels, "you start looking at why."

The lead level in the soil could be important, but any number of other factors must also be considered, he said.

"Does the socio-economic makeup of the group in question indicate the possibility of calcium deficiencies, which would make it more susceptible, or do they live where it's possible they have ingested lead or pica from paints?" These questions are why any decision must be site specific.

Schuman

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Schuman said his priorities upon beginning the new position March 10 will include putting as much of the office's records into the district's computers as possible.

"The job has remained idle for a number of months, so there's much to do," said Schuman.

He said he agrees with the school's decision to hire a new principal of reviewing all names submitted for a given position and the board's reserving the right to interview as many candidates as it wishes.

"(Personnel) has to be a very concise, structured process. This district has never suffered from a want of people willing for positions," Schuman said.

Teacher's union local president Steve Davis said he feels Schuman is a good choice for the job.

I think the majority of employees probably think that (Schuman) is a good appointment. He's the kind of person

most people feel they can trust and talk to," said Davis.

Davis said he thinks current district employees should have the opportunity to apply and to find a new Grigsby principal.

"People in the district should be looked at first, and I'm sure they will be — it's in our contract that they look within first," said Davis.

Schuman received his bachelor of science, master's and education specialist degrees from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

He joined District 9 in 1969, first as an elementary teacher for a year and then as a junior high teacher for a year. He was a master's in educational psychology, psychology and history, before becoming assistant principal at Grigsby for four years.

He was named an assistant principal at the high school level for another four years and was named Grigsby principal in 1987. His father served as a judge in Madison County for many years.

Grassroots

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, City Hall, 2000 Edison Ave.

Madison City Council, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, City Hall, 1539 Third St., Madison.

Madison County Board, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, County Courthouse, Edwardsville.

Venice School Board, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, Board Office, Broadway and Seventh Street, Venice.

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Family

Births

Jesse N. Copeland

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Copeland of Granite City are announcing the birth of their son, born Feb. 27, 1990, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. The infant, Jesse Nicholas Copeland, was born at 10 p.m. and weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces. He joins a brother, Jeremy, 18 months.

The mother is the former Karen Black.

Maternal grandparents are Jim and Trudy Black and paternal grandparents are Don and Betty Copeland, all of Granite City.

Hannah N. Phelps

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Phelps of Fairmont City have announced the birth of their daughter, Hannah Nicole, born Feb. 27, 1990, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. The infant weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces.

The mother is the former Janice Peterson.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Mary Peterson of Edwardsville. The paternal grandparents are Gary and Barbara Phelps of Granite City.

S.N. Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Thompson of Granite City are announcing the birth of their daughter, born March 3, 1990, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. The infant was named Stephanie Nicole. She was born at 7:07 a.m. and weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. She joins a brother, Robert Edward, 3 1/2.

Maternal grandparents are Edna Bargel and the late Edward Bargel of Durkee, Mo. Paternal grandparents are Ruth Thompson and the late Vern Thompson of Madison.

The mother is the former Susan Barge.

Kaitline McIntyre

Mark and Darlene McIntyre of Granite City, are parents of their first child, a girl, Kaitlin Marie.

She weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces and was born Feb. 19, 1990, at 5:12 p.m., at Jewish Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Pike of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McIntyre of Granite City.

Benjamin E. Eide

Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Joann Eide of Glendale, Mo., are announcing the birth of their first child, a son, born at 2:18 p.m., March 7, 1990, at St. John's Mercy Medical Center in St. Louis. The infant, named Benjamin Edward, weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Florida and Jim of Granite City and the late Watson Andrews. Paternal grandparents are the late James and Arlene Eide of Minneapolis.

Birth announcement forms are made available to St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Granite City and Anderson Hospital in Maryville; and they are available at the Press-Record Journal office, 815 Delmar, Granite City.

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Organizations

Members of the Southwestern Illinois Hemerocallis Society of Granite City gathered for a buffet supper on March 2, at Marion Koenig's residence. Eleise LeBeau, Alex Lux, Agnes and Beulah Miller, John MacDaniel, Sandra Ruyt and Gloria Vinton.

Immediately following, President Agnes Miller called the first regular business meeting of 1990.

Members Alex Lux, chairman of the upcoming June 30 accredited show, Daylily Extravaganza, at the Alton Square Shopping Mall, went over the schedule and made committee assignments.

Members were queried about their interest in attending this year's Regional meeting.

The gift plant, Royal Eventide, a medium purple double by Kirchoff, was won by Marilyn Greenlee. Another double by Kirchoff, Mozambique, a red, has been ordered as the gift plant for the May 4 meeting.

**20 churches share
in Day of Prayer**

The World Day of Prayer held Friday afternoon, March 2, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 2300 Pontoon Road, attracted a large attendance with 20 churches represented.

It was sponsored by the Church Women United with Mr. David Parrish of Central Christian Church, as chairman.

Since the program was written by women from Czechoslovakia, the custom of welcoming guests with bread and salt was shared by those in attendance.

The gathering was a reminder that salt is more necessary and precious than gold, and that bread must be shared with all throughout the world. The highlight of the program was the participation of the sixth-grade class at St. Elizabeth School, Brian Blankenship as the narrator in the Children's Liturgy. Children focused on God's actions in the Book of Exodus. They made posters of each individual situation of the pilgrimage.

Donations will be sent to the National office in New York.

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After lunch, the meeting resumed with first Vice Mary Thebeau thanking the committee and announcing next month's hostesses would be Vickie Zerbe, Linda Addes, Vicki and Florence Stokes.

The lesson for the day was "Achieving and Maintaining a Healthy Body Composition."

The treasurer's report was read by Barbara Koenig and bills were ordered paid. Second Vice Evelyn Yencho reported on the kick off lunch she attended and offered guests, Shirley Stallings and Donna Lorentz, membership cards. Barbara Rogers gave a report on "How to Use the

Churches, First African Methodist Episcopal Church, and Mount Nebo Baptist Church in Madison, Shiloh Christian, and St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Maryville and the Salvation Army of the Quad Cities.

Eagles study new auxiliaries

At the regular Eagles Auxiliary 1126 meeting, presided over by President Fle Stokes, four candidates for incoming officers were voted on and 20 applications for membership were investigated by Yvonne Gray, investigating chairman.

The chairman of the program on the trip to Prairie Mills Farm on May 12, Reservations must be made by April 3.

Others attending were: Betty Goldasich, Clelia Schreiber, Ann Kozlowski, Vera Lynn, Freda McElroy, Gertie Paddock, Elizabeth Schmidt, Irma Taylor, Louise Thomas, Mary Radich and Josephine Uram.

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The Single Professionals Association is based in the St. Louis metropolitan area and sponsors about 50 activities per month, including events co-sponsored with other single groups.

Members can pay \$30 for the first six months and \$35 per year for those who assist in club activities. Membership requires a college degree or equivalent credentials.

The association has a smaller number of activities in the Metro East area, but has active members in the area. Call 624-5667 for more information.

The association also will meet on Wednesday, April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the lounge of the Ramada Inn, 1900 Beloitine in Alton.



AT KICKOFF: Evelyne Yencho and Micki Strack (seated) and Aria Ault and Pat Mitchell (standing), Homemakers Extension Association members from the Granite City area, were among the 35 members who attended the kickoff luncheon in Edwardsville. The 35 membership chairmen present heard motivational speakers encourage them to increase participation in the HEA adult and continuing education program. The Madison County HEA organization's membership is 820.

Parishioners tour St. Raymond's

A group of 36 Parishioners from St. Elizabeth Church attended Mass followed by a luncheon on March 7.

The tour was arranged by Catherine Pomer, vice president of the St. Elizabeth Social.

Preceding Mass, a sub-deacon explained the accomplishments of St. Raymond's Parish, which

was founded in 1912 until dedication of the new church in 1975.

In subsequent years a new Rector was added and a new Parish Center, called the "Cedars" in honor of Mary the Mother of God, was dedicated in 1979. The group from St. Elizabeth had lunch in the "Cedars" Parish Center.

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II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes estimated for 1989-90 were \$159,709.00. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 1990-91 are \$297,619.00. This represents a 66% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt services and public building commission leases for 1989-90 were zero dollars. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 1990-91 are zero dollars. This represents a zero % over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes estimated for 1989-90 were \$159,709.00. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 1990-91 are \$297,619.00. This represents an increase of 66% over the previous year.

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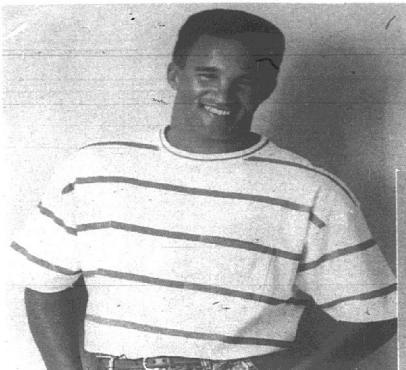
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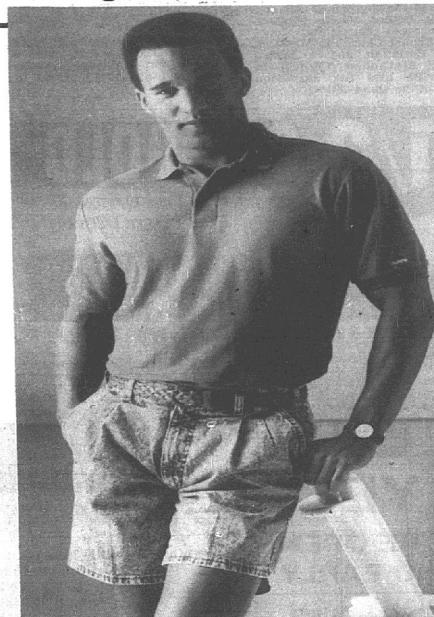
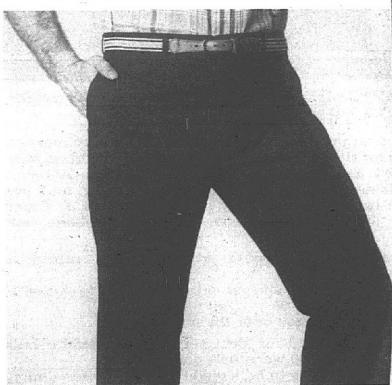


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Sports

The Golden Boys

Lincoln Place's 'Happy Warriors' won it all 50 years ago

There is joy tonight in Granite City. Joy around the Vartan market and the beauty parlor of Eftimoff's. Joy down where Kirchoff's grocery store lies hard by. Joy in the music store, staying dry goods not far away. For Granite City won the state high school basketball championship.

By Dave Whaley
Executive sports editor

And so read the lead in Pat Harmon's *Press-Record* story 50 years ago today — March 18, 1940.

For on March 16 of that year, the Granite City Warrior basketball team did something that no other Warrior team had ever accomplished before — and none has since.

"The Happy Warriors" of coach Andy Bozarth wrapped up Granite City's only state basketball title with a 24-22 win over Herrin in the final game in Champaign's Huff Gymnasium before a capacity crowd of more than 7,000 people. Eddie Parsaghian scored the winning basket on a pass from Ed Hoff in the final seconds.

"It was a win not only for Granite City, but for the boys from the wrong side of the tracks." All of the Warriors' starters hailed from the Lincoln Place neighborhood.

Out of the melting pot that boils around Lincoln Place, the community building of Granite City, has come this great basketball team to beat all within reach. Andy Phillip is the son of a Bulgarian steel worker. Dan Eftimoff is of Bulgarian descent, and it is his sisters who run the beauty parlor. Evan Parsaghian, Andy Hagopian, Sam Mauadian and John Markarian are the Armenian quartet.

The players were proud of their heritage and their neighborhood. In fact, most of them did go to the same high school team their freshman year.

"We formed our own team and played at the community center," said Phillip by phone from Rancho Mirage, Calif.

"One of the steel companies gave us uniforms. We got pretty good and started beating everybody."

Phillip was by far the star of the team and, perhaps, the best year in the school's history. He went on to star for the Whiz Kids at the University of Illinois before playing 11 years in the NBA. He was the last Illinoisan to lead the nation in scoring until Kendall Gill did it 25 years as a probation officer in Riverside County, Calif.

"We were a close-knit group," he said. "We had gotten to know each other pretty well before that season. But I don't think winning the state championship even entered our minds."

Phillip and Parsaghian went to state as sophomores in 1938, where the Warriors lost to Von Steuben by one point.

"And the team we had our junior year might have had better marks than the 1940 team," Phillip said. "But we lost in the sections."

Bozarth's team did it the hard way in 1940, becoming the only team in IHSA history ever to win a state title without winning its regional. From 1934-42, the IHSA had a system where the top two teams in each regional advanced to sectional competition.

Bozarth's team beat Granite City in the regional championship game, but the Warriors got their revenge on March 9 by knocking off the Oilers 36-22 for the sectional title and a trip to Champaign.

"We knew we could lose in the regional and still advance," said Phillip. "And that might have been a reason for us losing that first game."

It is typical of the fine spirit of Granite City High School, where Paul Grigsby is the principal, that the boys received a telegram from the governor of Europe. "If the nations of Europe were as cooperative as you are, there would be no war. You're together, boys. Win."

"It wasn't as big a deal then as it is today," said Hagopian, one of three members of the 1940 team still living in Granite City. "But everyone was very enthusiastic about basketball. We would parade down to Lincoln Place when we got back and enjoyed quite a long period of enjoyment."

The Warriors beat Streeter 45-31 in the first round of the state finals on Thursday, March 14. But perhaps the biggest win at state was a 35-30 win over Dundee in the quarterfinals the next day. Granite City trailed the next fourth quarter and the game was tied nine times, but the Warriors came away with a 35-30 win.

"That was the big game," said Hagopian. "Dundee was the favorite. They had scored 70 points in the previous game, which was a very high total in those days."

"I think when we beat Dundee we started to feel like we might have a chance," said Phillip.

But there was plenty more drama on Saturday, March 16. The Warriors trailed Moline 34-



ANDY PHILLIP, receiving his Granite City Sports Hall of Fame plaque in 1987 from Kelly Hogan, was the star of the Warriors' 1940 state champions.

27 early in the fourth quarter of the semifinals, but pulled up to a 35-34 tie with Moline on a three-point play. George Gages added a basket and Parsaghian got a free throw for a 41-38 win.

A few hours later, the Warriors were back on the Huff Gym court against Herrin, and again it was a struggle.

Granite City went through the final game with Herrin virtually without the services of Little. Andy Hagopian also fell and suffered a separation in his shoulder during the afternoon's semi-final with Moline. Andy started, played 15 seconds and retired, then came back for the closing minutes.

"The starting five carried the brunt of the team," said Hagopian. "I wanted to play, but we still had Andy (Phillip). I just remember Ed Hoff in the last seconds lying on his back, but he was able to make a pass to Eric."

They trailed 16-11 at halftime and 22-19 with four minutes left. But Phillip — who scored 15 of Granite City's 24 points — tied the game in the final minute, then rebounded a missed shot at

the other end.

That set up Hoff's pass to Parsaghian for the winning basket with just a few seconds left. Herrin's Fred Campbell had a chance to tie the game, but his desperation shot at the buzzer missed and there was pandemonium in the Granite City cheering section.

"We never realized the importance of it until it was over," said Hagopian. "I always felt good about what we did. I was never much of a scorer. I was more of a floor balance guy. But I was able to do some scoring up there until I got hurt."

"Byron did a great job with the bench," Phillip said of Bozarth. "He was the head coach of just about every sport at the school, so that made his job tougher. I really don't think we deserved it, we just accomplished. We were happy and emotional, but you can't appreciate what happened until later."

The Warriors finished 29-5 in 1940, the first year coach Leonard Davis, a four-term mayor of Granite City. Harold Brown, the long-time Granite City Park District recreation supervisor, was the team manager. He now lives in Ocala, Fla.

The team members included Phillip, Hagopian, Everett Daniels, Gages, Eftimoff, Parsaghian, Hoff, Mauadian, Markarian and Ebbe Mueller. Gages, Hagopian and Markarian still live in Granite City. Gages still does volunteer work at the Lincoln Place Community Center. Hoff lives in St. Charles, Mo.; Eftimoff in Argo, Ill.; Mauadian in Champaign, Ill.; and Mueller in Galveston, Tex. Parsaghian is the only one of the players who has passed away.

Phillip, Hagopian, Bozarth, Davis and Brown are all members of the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame, as is the team as a whole.

Phillip was the only one to play college or pro basketball. He's planning on being in Granite City again in May for the Hall of Fame banquet after a trip to the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. And he'll also be here in June for the 50th reunion of the GCHS Class of 1940, which Hagopian said is scheduled for June 23.

"I've had a lot of thrills in sports," said Phillip. "Each one provided some memories. In winning the state, we accomplished a great deal for our city."

Lincoln beats Elgin; faced King in semis

By Mike Kelly
Staff writer

CHAMPAIGN — East St. Louis Lincoln wrapped up its fourth straight trip to the final four by knocking off Elgin 64-54 on Friday in the quarterfinals of the Illinois Class AA state basketball tournament.

The Tigers (21-7) won their sixth of 30 consecutive post-season game by utilizing a stingy defense and a balanced attack. Four Tigers scored in double figures, to derail the Maroons (22-9). Lincoln's Charlie Steptoe (30-0), the No. 1 team in the state and the nation, in Saturday morning's first semifinal game. King beat West Aurora 68-58 in Friday's second game.

Playing strictly a zone defense, the Tigers forced Elgin to rely on its outside shooting game for survival. The strategy worked to perfection as the Maroons only made 36 percent of their shots. Elgin was also its own worst enemy by missing a good number of shots in the lane when the opportunities were granted.

"We had our chances, but we couldn't make the shots," said Elgin coach Jim Harrington. "When you just can't make shots, you're in trouble." Elgin led by 10 points, ran off eight straight points and closed the gap to three with 1:10 to play. But Lincoln stayed off the lead and took a 34-28 lead into the locker room at halftime.

"We knew their strong point," said Tiger forward Chris McKinney, who led the Tigers with 19 points. "So we gave them the perimeter shot. And it just wouldn't fall for us today."

"We knew Elgin had the ability to score from the perimeter," said Lincoln coach Bennie Lewis.

"And we couldn't match them

in that department. So we wanted to get a lead and be able to hold them."

The Tigers led for the majority of the game, including the entire second half.

Lincoln took command with just over four minutes to play in the opening half. The Tigers' 16 players put together an eight-point run to close the quarter. Stanford Riley (16 points) highlighted the outburst with a three-point bomb from the mid-court stripe at the buzzer that gave Lincoln a 14-9 lead.

The Tigers extended the lead to 27-16 with 4:40 left in the first half. But Elgin led by 10 points, ran off eight straight points and closed the gap to three with 1:10 to play. But Lincoln stayed off the lead and took a 34-28 lead into the locker room at halftime.

"We knew their strong point," said Tiger forward Chris McKinney, who led the Tigers with 19 points. "So we gave them the perimeter shot. And it just wouldn't fall for us today."

The Tigers, who led 47-41 after three quarters, salted the game away at the free-throw line in the final period. Lincoln, not known for its free-throw shooting, made 12 of 14 free throws in the fourth quarter and never allowed Elgin to get closer than six points the rest of the way.

Lack of numbers, dedication hurting Trojan track team

By Mike Kelly
Staff writer

MADISON — Dedication and loyalty are the main ingredients to a successful high school athletic program.

Unfortunately, that doesn't seem to be the case for the Trojan track team this spring. Madison, which struggled through an off-year last spring, could suffer more of the same this year.

The Trojans, who had 24 out for the team last season, have only 10 for this year's competition. And the low numbers will affect the team's performance.

"For some reason our program has been hurt by defections and detections," said coach Charles St. John. "I guess we just had some kids that weren't devoted enough to stick with the sport and they turned their interests to other areas."

The biggest problem we have is the numbers. They've given the kids a chance to enter their delayed entrance program. And a lot of the kids are seemingly interested in the program."

One influenced by the enrollment program is junior Dandridge, a high jumper who missed by two inches (42-7) of qualifying for the state tournament. And Dandridge is now working with the local recruiter to attract more students for the program.



Charlie Steptoe
... short on numbers

"At Macomb, I thought we really came out well and had some good open meet performances," said McClain.

Senior Frank Vivod and Joe Thomas placed third and fourth, respectively, in the shot put at Macomb with respective throws of 50 feet and 49 feet. McClain, long-time team sprinter, Tim White equaled his best jump of last season with a 20-4 leap.

At Charleston, junior Larry Strader and sophomore Lance Reynolds both ran the mile in 4:49, while junior high jumper

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Warrior runners aim for third place in conference

By Brian Henry
Correspondent

GRANITE CITY — For those who take stock in early spring track invitational, it would seem like the Warrior boys team is the team to beat this year. According to head coach Dave McClain, however, a finish of higher than third in the Southwestern Conference would be a great task.

"In our conference we probably won't be able to stop East St. Louis or Alton," McClain said. "Alton is especially tough because they have two guys (Ramont Lacey and Terry Win-

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ston) who are their top point-getters. As for the remainder of the conference, it will be a tossup for third with us, Belleville East and West."

Unfortunately, however, was hurt by the loss of sprinter Maurice Hickman, who transferred to Jacksonville.

The Warriors performed well at a pair of pre-season indoor meets, one at Macomb and one at the Moline (Western Illinois University) Invitational and March 10 at the Charleston (EIU) Invitational.

As it stands, the question marks surrounding the Lady Warriors may not be answered until McClain gets the numbers he needs to create a successful program.

Girls' team lacking depth

By Brian Henry
Correspondent

GRANITE CITY — If the Lady Warrior track team were medically diagnosed, it would be placed in intensive care and in critical condition.

"I'm not very optimistic about our chances this year," said coach Dave McClain. "There are a lot of question marks for us. Because we lack in numbers, it will be difficult for us to be competitive team-wise."

The strong point for the team may lie in the distance runners. Junior Jennifer Winfield and senior Jennifer Reynolds are half-mile and one-mile runners. Joining them will be junior Lynn Chilling in the two-mile.

In the field events, Granite City will be represented by the likes of junior Dianna Brandt, who has to undergo knee sur-

Allen, Flood vying for Democratic post

GRANITE CITY — The race for 21st Congressional District Democratic state central committee chairman in the March 20 primary pits against each other two longtime party activists from Democratic strongholds.

Former Madison County State's Attorney Dick Allen of Granite City, facing St. Clair County Assessor Ed Flood for the non-paide party post.

Allen, 62, served as state's attorney from 1984 until 1988, when he was defeated for the nomination by Democrat Bill Hall.

Brian Cook, a Belleville lawyer and the current state central committeeman, did not file for re-election.

Allen, who has returned to private law practice in Granite City, was selected as an alternate state's attorney under State's Attorneys Dick Mudge Jr., Joseph Bartylak and Nick Byron and also served as an assistant Madison County public defender.

In the 1986 Allen was a downstate organizer for the Federation of Independent Democrats and as a supporter of U.S. Sen. Paul Simon's unsuccessful 1982 gubernatorial campaign.

Flood, a native of East St. Louis, now based in Belleville, is completing his second term as St. Clair County assessor and formerly served as an elected member of the county Board of Review.

Allen, 50, said he has received endorsements from the Madison, St. Clair and Bond counties Democratic central committees. He said he plans to meet with

central committee officials in Clinton and Montgomery counties.

The 21st Congressional District includes all of Madison and Bond counties and all of St. Clair County with the exception of Centerville and Sugar Loaf townships.

The district is also comprised of six townships in Montgomery County and seven townships in Clinton County.

Allen said that, while he has not received party endorsements, he has support from several elected party officials in both Madison and St. Clair counties.

Flood said the term up for election is for two years as opposed to the usual four years because of the state's re-apportionment that will follow completion of this year's U.S. census.

Flood is also on the March 20 ballot unopposed for nomination for a third term as county assessor. He will face Republican Ken Gifford, also unopposed in the primary, in the November general election.

In the Republican Party, current 21st District State Central Committeeman Edward Ragsdale of Alton is unopposed for a second term.

Dr. Ragsdale said the party in the district is switching over to a new process for electing the central committeeman.

He said that selected precinct committeemen in each of the five counties comprising the district will cast votes for district committeemen in county party conventions set for April 2.

Councilman blasts plan to buy earthquake kits

By Jack Cowan
Staff writer

ST. LOUIS COUNTY — A plan to spend \$5,510 on earthquake survival kits for top St. Louis County officials and their families has apparently been killed by a vigorous objection by a county councilman.

"I'm not about to authorize spending money for anything as asinine as this," Councilman Don Bond, D-6th Dist., said at Thursday's council meeting. "If anyone in county government wants a survival kit, I'll be happy to furnish them with a can of tomato soup, a box of crackers and a box of Band-Aids," he said.

The kits, estimated at \$100 each, contain enough food, water and medical supplies to sustain five people for three days, according to County Police Superintendent James Kleinert. Both he and County Executive H.C. Milford had proposed in letters to council members that they approve buying 29 such kits.

Councilman Ellen Conant, R-3rd Dist., suggested that the

matter be referred to the county's Earthquake Preparedness Committee but found no backers.

"This is a serious business when you're talking about disasters such as an earthquake," Milford said Thursday, adding that he thought Bond and other council members were overreacting.

Milford only succeeded in voting down the proposal.

"I don't like getting all these telephone calls about asinine plans that are being proposed," Bond said. "What about the firemen, the police, the electrical workers? They're not right in the middle of it," he said.

"A proposal like this makes everybody in government look like a jerk," Bond said.

The kits would have gone to county government, police and emergency operations officials. County councilman would not have received one.

Bond's tirade began when the council agenda included part of its agenda for discussion of correspondence that county officials recently had received.

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Turn signals key to safe lane changes

Following is from the Secretary of State's Office

Information on how to change lanes quickly and turn without risking an accident.

Before changing lanes or turning, use your turn signal and glance over your shoulder to make sure no one is in your

blind spot (the area behind you that cannot be seen in your side and rearview mirrors).

If you are driving in the left or center lane and need to make a right turn, look for traffic behind you and signal your right. Use your turn signal and move carefully into the right-hand lane. Signal for the turn at least

100 feet (about six car lengths) before making the turn.

When you turn right, do not make a wide swing into another lane of traffic. A right turn must be completed to the right-hand lane of the street you are entering. The only exception to this rule is for trucks and buses that must make a wider

turn. Before making a left turn, follow the same traffic safety procedures used in making a right turn. The left turn lane must be used if one is provided. An adjoining lane may be used if permitted by posted signs or arrows.

TO THE VOTERS IN GRANITE CITY



EXPANDING YOUR WORLD

Dear Granite City Neighbor,
In an election to be held on March 20, you will have the opportunity to decide the future course of your library. By law we are not permitted to ask you to vote for or against the propositions. However, many of your

neighbors living outside city boundaries may not. Through a Project PLUS demonstration, the library is presently issuing Project PLUS library cards to people living in non-city areas. These cards are valid until June 30, 1990, and are being paid for by a grant from the Illinois State Library, a division of the office of the Secretary of State, using federal funding provided by the library services and construction act. The purpose of the demonstration is to encourage cooperation and to establish an areawide district library.

If you have any additional questions, please visit the main library or call 452-6238 and ask about the election.

Thank you for your interest and consideration.

Sincerely,
The Library Board

What is a district library?

A DISTRICT LIBRARY is an independent unit of local government authorized by the laws of Illinois. A library district is similar to the park district except that a library district can grow beyond the municipal boundaries.

Why is the library board asking for this change?

The Granite City Public Library has always been a leader in providing quality service to its constituents. The members of the board now feel that the changing local environment and circumstances at the state level make the decision to convert to a library district vital for the future of library service in our area.

In addition, many people think it makes sense for the library to be able to provide service to people who live only a short distance from the boundaries of the city. It also makes sense to students to belong to a library service area that encompasses the same area as the schools they attend. Library district status could help the library respond to the growing number of people living outside the city.

Lastly, the proposed district library will have a greater opportunity to comply with the expectations of the state library and the directives of state library law.

What will the boundaries of the proposed library district be?

If the propositions pass in both the city and outlying areas, the boundaries of the new library district would be the same as the school district boundaries. (Exception: The Village of Pontoon Beach has decided not to participate.)

How will the governance of the Library be changed?

The governing body would be elected by the citizens of the district and be responsible only to voters within the district, Illinois library standards, and the laws of Illinois. It will be completely independent of city government.

As already stated, a district library is similar to the park district except that a library district can expand beyond the municipal boundaries. It will be directly responsible and answerable to the voters because the library board will be elected directly by the people.

How will the Library's budget change?

The library district would become a separate taxing entity. Its basic rate would be set by the voters at the current rate of 29.7 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, and this basic tax rate could be changed only by permission of the voters. Minor increases for social security and other insurance are permitted; however, major budget in-

creases would be dependent upon the economic development of the area and/or voter approval. The major advantages of creating a library district are: 1) it takes competition (new library books vs. new street sweeper vs. garbage collection) and guesswork out of the budget process and 2) it provides an opportunity to expand the tax base and to grow with the needs of the area.

Will the quality of library service change for Granite City residents?

District library status should have no effect on the availability of library service to Granite City residents.

What advantages are there for me as a Granite City resident to increase the size of the library's service area?

Many. By voting for the creation of a library district, you will allow the library to offer service to areas outside the city thereby expanding the library's tax base. You will guarantee a basic level of library service regardless of the competition for tax dollars, help reduce the risk of citywide political issues affecting the library, and foster areawide cooperation.

When is the election?

The election will be on March 20. Please be sure to exercise your voting privilege. Regardless of how you choose to vote, be sure to register your opinion. Thank you.

The election will be held on March 20. Please exercise your voting privilege and register your opinion. This advertisement is presented by the Granite City Public Library Board and is paid for by a grant from The Illinois State Library, a division of The Office of the Secretary of State, using federal LCSA funding.



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Home



Drem Gehring

Sometimes I hid under the covers

I've been so good, really. I've fought and laughed and breathed deep and even let people help me for once. I've been responsible for myself, checked out all the options, made the decisions, faced the consequences.

But right now, I don't want to be good. I don't want to lead the mouse or sound the bugle. I don't want to smile—I'd like to chisel that smile off my face permanently. I don't want to think bright thoughts.

I want to hide under the covers. I want to rend my clothes. I want to scream at the moon. I want to be 10 years old again with the whole deliciously scary future ahead of me.

I'm tired of keeping this wonderful, feisty, can-do front up for everyone else — no, for myself. I'm scared. What if I'm not? I'm scared and mad and afraid at being scared and mad. I feel as if I could sink through the basement into the clay earth and become a little hidden jar, a small clay artifact underneath the ground.

What if...? What if I...? No, I don't even want to think. I don't think I could face that.

I want someone to come and take all this away. I want, I want, I want. I want to be healthy and happy and blithely ignorant. I want to be a cow with mumbled stomachs, my neck to be pain, improved to anything but the most insistent intrusion. I want to be fat, dumb and happy. Why can't I be?

I want to scream at my kids, step on people's toes, spit on business suits, frighten babies. I want to break everything in my house, make everything in the world. I want to make everyone else feel as awful as I feel. So there.

Maybe I don't want to do all those things. Maybe I just want to stomp my feet. Maybe I just want to pound my pillow. Maybe I just want to throw myself against the wall. Maybe I just want to say curse words into that small jar and quickly put the lid on and bury it deep in the earth.

Maybe I really want to cry and have someone hold me while I sob. Maybe I really want to lie in bed all afternoon for reasons, not because I'm tired from the chores or the radiation, but just because I'm pampering myself. Maybe I want to go feed the ducks in the park and smell a rose.

Maybe I just really want to live. Maybe all these feelings are part of that.

Drem Gehring is a survivor from a rare form of breast cancer. Those who would like to share their experience or have questions about cancer can write to Drem Gehring, St. Louis News Service, 1215 Fern Ridge Parkway, Suite 108, St. Louis 63141.

Mr. Tinker®

Trim-painting tips improve results

By Al Schneider
Of Central Hardware

One of the most challenging aspects of home painting projects for do-it-yourselfers are the small areas, especially those painted moldings, ornate doors and window trim. I have a few tips on painting these areas that should make the difficulties fade and the final product look more professional.

Using the right brush or sponge can mean the difference between a stunning success and a dismal failure. For most trim, I prefer to use a 1½- or 2-inch brush. For extra-wide baseboards, I use a 2½-inch brush. The ideal brush selection is to choose the size that will allow you to use the right brush strokes so that there is less brush marks.

When painting flat doors, I use a wide brush, painting the door edges first and then the sides. I work from top to bottom, painting in horizontal bands and then immediately cross-stroke, overlapping those bands with wide vertical strokes.

When painting paneled doors, I start with the molded edge around each panel and then go on to the panel interiors. Recessed panels should be painted with vertical strokes and then smoothed with an almost dry brush using a gentle cross stroke to eliminate runs. Last, I coat the horizontal and vertical rails between panels, starting at the top.

Windows present several problems. For double-hung windows, the key is to avoid painting sections you have just painted. I raise the lower sash as high as possible and cover the upper sash. I paint the lower half of the upper sash, then raise it back up and bring the lower sash back down. This position allows me to finish painting the sash I have begun and then to paint the other one. I then paint the frame and sills.

For exterior painting, the most challenging part of window painting is figuring out the most efficient way to do the work without getting paint on the glass. Masking a window with tape is time-consuming and does not always work. Tape can eat fresh paint, and paint can get through the tape.

I prefer to use a shield, such as a Venetian blind slat to protect the glass, and I keep a damp cloth handy for cleanup.

Call the Central Hardware's Mr. Tinker Hotline at (314) 466-3000.

Updates on tax matters may open door to savings

By Sylvia Porter

Every year details of the tax laws change because of IRS rulings and court decisions.

Assembled here, with the help of tax attorney Eli J. Warach of Prentice Hall, are various matters that may help you make judgments that will lead you to claiming victories over the tax collector.

Writing Off a Home Computer: The rule is that an employee cannot take depreciation deductions for a home computer unless the computer is required as a condition of employment. The IRS said the same deductions are proper only if "the employees cannot perform properly the duties of employment" without the computer.

The rule is that an employee cannot take depreciation deductions for a home computer unless the computer is a condition of employment.

The Tax Court disagreed. The court held that a college professor and his wife, a transportation planner, could depreciate the cost of their computer because it "substantially aided their work" in their work. The couple did not try to show that they did not do their work without the computer.

Undeveloped Land: The interest on up to \$1 million of mortgage loans taken out to purchase a home is fully deductible. Proceeds from the sale of the home are not taxed, provided the seller buys another home of at least equal value within two years of the sale. These breaks are not usually available for investment in raw land.

The Tax Court held that a couple could treat the 5 acres they purchased adjacent to their home as part of their home. The reason was that the couple planned to clear the land and use it as an extension of their home. Thus, their mortgage interest was fully deductible and, if they ever sold, they would be allowed to "roll over" the proceeds attributable to the raw land into a new home.

Travel Allowances: Taxpayers who use their auto in their business are allowed to claim an IRS-approved automatic deduction of so many cents a mile, instead of deducting their actual expenses. For 1988, the deduction was 24 cents a mile for the first 15,000 annual business miles (up to 60,000 miles over the life of the car) and 11 cents per mile for all other miles. The IRS raised the automatic deduction retroactive to the beginning of 1989. The new rate is 25½ cents for the

first 15,000 miles. The 11-cent rate remains unchanged. The IRS has raised the rate for 1990 to 26 cents. Unlike 1989, the 26-cent rate applies to all business miles. There is no 15,000- or 60,000-mile limit.

Here are some other developments relating to deductions:

• Two former employees who gave up their salaries and paid S corporation expenses (S corporations are taxed as partnerships) were not entitled to deduct the amounts paid. They had lost their employee status because they were not paid a salary and were only shareholders.

• User fees for obtaining private letter rulings from the IRS are deductible as a miscellaneous item on deductions.

• Lawyer's fees incurred by a trust beneficiary to recover allegedly mishandled trust funds are currently deductible. That's because the underlying claim is connected with the management, conservation or maintenance of the trust.

• Until further notice, the IRS will allow write-offs for commuting to temporary workplaces, whether or not within the area where the taxpayer lives and normally works (Form 2106, Employee Business Expenses).

• On Schedule A, itemized deductions, investment interest carried forward cannot exceed taxable income for the year it was initially paid. But taxable income in subsequent years to which it is carried poses no limitations on the carry-over amount.

The IRS and the courts also were busy with matters related to various filing issues:

• Automatic Extensions: Taxpayers are not entitled to the "automatic" filing extension if they don't file by the amount of properly estimated tax along with the extension request.

• Timely Filing of Returns: Timely tax returns are considered filed when mailed. Late returns, however, are not considered filed until they are received by the IRS. But the taxpayer may presume properly mailed if the return was received by the IRS within the absence of any evidence to the contrary—even if it was not sent by certified or registered mail and the taxpayer has no other proof of mailing.

• Changing in Filing Status: A taxpayer successfully contested the IRS use of "married filing separately" status to substitute returns. And a joint return couldn't be amended to "separate" status, even though the couple subsequently divorced and the joint status caused them to have taxable gain on the sale of their home.

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Seeking a home



PUNKY, the guinea pig is a special project of the Association for the Protection of Animals (APA) to encourage Adoption-A-Guinea Pig Week. Spokesman Mickey Hanson said guinea pigs make great pets for those living in restricted areas where dogs and cats are not allowed. They can become quite tame and even affectionate animal companions. Anyone adopting a guinea pig during the April 1-7 week will receive an adoption starter kit consisting of shavings, food and care tips. Others animals are also available for adoption. For information, contact the APA at 931-7030, or visit the shelter from 9 a.m. to noon, 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday through Fridays, and 9 to 12 on Saturdays and Sundays, at 5000 Old Alton Road, Granite City.

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Bruce H. Aydt

Financial barriers challenge buyers

The basic mechanics of home ownership—finding sources for a down payment, qualifying for a mortgage and meeting closing costs—will continue to be the great challenges facing home buyers in the 1990s.

Some state and local governments have assistance programs for first-time buyers, such as down-payment assistance programs, mortgage revenue bonds (MRBs), mortgage credit certificates and programs that offer exceptionally low interest rates.

Current MRBs, the primary vehicle for assisting first-time home buyers, are set to expire in 1991. The National Association of Realtors (NAR), in conjunction with State Housing Finance Agencies and the National Council of State Housing Agencies, is working to secure a three-year extension of the MRB status.

Nationwide housing affordability makes it increasingly difficult for Realtors to qualify first-time buyers. However, this is not as severe a problem in St. Louis as it is in other parts of the country. The average price of a home in St. Louis remains one of the lowest. For the third quarter of 1989, the median home price in the St. Louis area was \$76,400, according to an NAR report. The national median home price for the third quarter was \$95,000, according to the report.

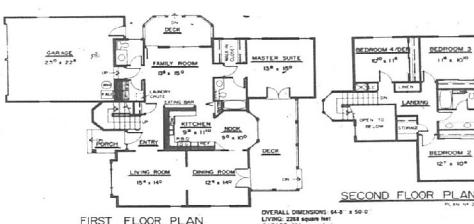
Realtors and lenders must be creative in helping buyers secure the necessary cash for the down payment and closing costs. Some means used are equity sharing, tax refunds and seller financing. A home owner provides a down payment and one lives in the home, making all mortgage payments, maintenance repairs and paying taxes. The person who supplies the down payment is given a percentage of the profit when the home is sold.

Buyers can receive a tax refund from the government, many lenders will consider the refund an asset to be used toward a loan, according to the NAR.

FHA loans, which allow a low down payment and flexible terms, are the best resort for "cash poor" buyers. The agency offers loans to middle- and upper-middle-income families the ability to buy more house for their money.

FHAs do require extra paperwork and certain rigid standards must be satisfied before settlement. However, the extra effort always is done in the best interest of the borrowers. The success of FHAs has exceeded the original expectations of its founders.

If you find yourself in a cash crunch, your Realtor should be able to suggest some financing alternatives that might be available to you. If you have a question that you would like answered in this column, write to Bruce H. Aydt, president, Olive Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141.



bedrooms empty into a main upstairs hall. Linen closets and a twin-sink vanity bathroom make second-story living easy.

For a study plan of the Colfax (288-13), send \$5 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307, Eugene, Ore. 97402. (Be sure to specify

plan name and number when ordering. Designers, architects and renderers with plans they would like to see featured also are invited to contact Landmark. Landmark Designs is a residential design firm based in Eugene, Ore.

Bright ideas

Stripes are the star in decorating plan

Stripes are popular in home decorating this year, and now everyone can learn about ways to use them, thanks to a colorful new how-to brochure titled "Ideas That Earn Their Stripes."

Developed by Motif, a wallcovering and wallcovering company, this free booklet uses color photos of actual installations to illustrate how the versatile stripe can tastefully turn around any room in the home.

"Ideas That Earn Their Stripes" targets some common design dilemmas. Positioning the stripe as a decorating tool, the brochure offers simple

solutions to intimidating concerns, such as how to organize clutter; how to bring together a roomful of florals and chintz; how to add a snappy-looking striped border to a plain wall; how to play up (or down) sloped architecture, and more.

Designed as a primer for "Parallels," Motif's new collection of stripe wallcoverings and fabrics, "Ideas That Earn Their Stripes" is available in nine widths and seven nationwide. Copies of the brochure also can be obtained from Motif Designs, 20 Jones St., New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801.

Entertainment

Curtis one tough cop in thriller 'Blue Steel'

"Blue Steel" (***), a sensational, blow 'em away action thriller about a female cop in New York City, proves that Jamie Lee Curtis can be successful in about any genre of film.

Curtis plays Megan Turner, a brand-new, hard-shell police officer with a uniform personality that would be most appreciated by *RoboCop*.

The most recent outstanding big screen performance came in the 1988 comedy "A Fish Called Wanda." She also has played horror film heroine in "Prom Night," "The Fog and the Hollow," critics have given wide critical acclaim and a British Academy Award for her work in the comedy "Trading Places," starring opposite Eddie Murphy and Dan Aykroyd.

In "Blue Steel," Curtis' Turner, right after graduating from the police academy, empties her weapon in a perpetrator who killed her gun at her like he wanted to put an abrupt, violent end to her new career.

Following the incident, Turner's bureaucratic superiors immediately pull her gun and badge. There is more than a hint of sexism in their action. Turner's problem with the investigation of the killing is aggravated because the gun of the man she killed is missing. It was taken by an eyewitness who disappeared into the night.

Meanwhile, Turner's personal life also is a mess. Her father, played by James Caan, and her mother, played by Louise Fletcher. In addition, Turner's best friend, played by Elizabeth Perkins, always is fixing Turner up on dates with men to whom the term "loser" would be a compliment.

But love finally does come running to Curtis in the person of Eugene Hunt, who definitely



Harry Hamm

is not a geek. Hunt, played by Ron Silver, is a good-looking commodities broker and a very smooth talker. At first, it looks like a great match. But soon, Hunt starts to see the real Hunt, a woman who hears voices in the night and could give lessons in serial murder techniques to David Berkowitz.

The catch: It seems Hunt is the mysterious eyewitness who has given Turner needs to help clear himself.

Turner is in a lot of trouble.

"Blue Steel" is one of the fastest films you will see. It hits the screen running and then picks up speed. The action is riveting. The psychological scars and crazed behavior will make your skin crawl. Silver makes the perfect, pathological madman. Curtis is appealing and real as the rookie cop up to her eyeballs in life-threatening danger.

More over, Curtis makes Dirty Harry look like a choir boy.

Rated R (violence). Running time: 102 minutes. Critic's rating based on four stars.



JAMIE LEE CURTIS stars as Megan Turner, a rookie cop whose personal life and professional duties become twisted in "Blue Steel."

Briefly

'Hansel and Gretel' at Rep

The Repertory Theater of St. Louis (The Rep) has scheduled performances of "Hansel and Gretel," at 11 a.m. March 31 and April 7.

"Hansel and Gretel" is an adventure story about a brother and sister who have been abandoned in the woods. The starving children are delighted when they stumble upon a cottage made of cookies and candy, only to discover it belongs to a wicked witch.

Tickets to "Hansel and Gretel" are \$1.50 for children under 16 years and \$3 for adults. Those who wish more information may call the Rep box office at (314) 968-4925.

Muny presents 'Peter Pan'

The musical perennial, "Peter Pan," flies into the Fox Theater April 3 through 8. This 35th anniversary production stars Cathy Rigby, World Gymnastics gold medalist and singer and actress.

Rigby performed the role in St. Louis in the summer of 1986. In the current production, Stephen Hanan will portray Capt. Hook. He has appeared in Broadway productions of "Cats" and "Pirates of Penzance."

Based on the 1904 novel by Sir James M. Barrie, "Peter Pan's" score was written by lyricist Carolyn Leigh and composed by Moose Charlap, with additional music by Betty Comden and Adolph Green and music supervision by George Bruns. "Peter Pan" was conceived, directed and choreographed by Jerome Robbins.

Performances will be 8 p.m. April 3 through 7; 2 p.m. April 7 and 8; 7 p.m. April 8. Tickets range from \$7 to \$28 and are available at the Fox or Muny box offices, MetroTix outlets.

Theater Factory opens season

Theater Factory St. Louis will open its eighth summer season on May 15 with "A, My Name Is Alice." Other shows this summer will be "Duet for One," "Story Theater" and "Oklahoma."

With the exception of "Oklahoma," which will be performed at the History Museum, shows will be seen at Freeman Theater on the Mary Institute campus, 101 N. Warson Road.

"A, My Name Is Alice" is a contemporary musical revue and "Duet for One," a drama, is a St. Louis premiere. "Story Theater," a modern adaptation of a storybook will feature students of the Theater Factory's intermediate education program.

The Theater Factory is a professional company committed to the promotion and advancement of the theatrical arts through audience participation, education and the association of young local talent with professionals from St. Louis and New York.

"A, My Name Is Alice" will run Tuesday through Sunday, May 15 to June 22. "Duet for One" is about a violinist stricken with multiple sclerosis and will be seen Tuesday through Sunday, July 3 through 22.

"Story Theater" will be July 24 through 29. "Oklahoma" will be seen Tuesday through Sunday Aug. 7 through Sept. 2.

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Ava Gardner was epitome of Hollywood-trained star

When MGM wanted a real movie star to make a cameo appearance in the Fred Astaire musical "The Band Wagon" (1953, MGM-UA Home Video, \$19.95), the studio assigned Ava Gardner to the part.

Gracious and gracious, she did not disappoint, making a dazzling entrance at a train station and upstaging Astaire's character, a washed-up movie hoover. Gardner, who died Jan. 25, knew how to act, a skill she learned at a screen academy MGM taught her. The 19-year-old from North Carolina, who never had acted professionally, signed standard seven-year starlet contact with the studio in 1942. She took a dozen dance classes, calisthenics, makeup preparation and publicity.

After six years, MGM's investment paid off when Gardner played a femme fatale who was due to a screen debut, played by newcomer Burl Ives, in the film noir "The Killers" (not available on video).

"Listen, honey," I was never really an actress, Gardner told an interviewer in 1980. "None of us kids who came from MGM were. We were just good to look at."

But Gardner underestimated her training. Her first stand-out performance came when she worked with the great director John Ford on "Mogambo" (1953, MGM-UA Home Video, \$59.95). The film is a color remake of one of Clark Gable's "30s hits, "Red Dust." This time it was shot on location in Africa and not on the MGM back lot. Gardner equals the magic of her predecessor, Jean Harlow, and comes off as a more normal woman. She lost to Audrey Hepburn for "Roman Holiday" (1953, Paramount, \$19.95).

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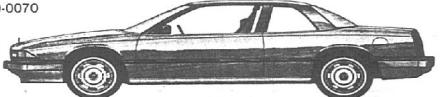
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Homework helps job applicants

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

The worst mistake people make when they go on a job interview is they haven't done their homework and don't know a lot about the company they're interviewing, local personnel executives and job counselors say.

Jay Justice, of Boatmen's National Bank of St. Louis, finds that state of affairs "amazing." His colleague, Jack Friesz, calls it "horrible."

Job seekers' most common mistake is also homework related — they haven't given much thought to what skills, experience and training they have to give job opening, said Friesz, who views interviews "as a dance of courtship" between the

potential employee and potential employer.

Being unprepared can extinguish the courtship even before it begins, said the interviewer knows in the first five minutes whether this candidate should be called back for a second interview and then spends the rest of the interview confirming that assessment, said Margaret Cook, director of career services at Webster University.

To make a good first impression, wear "your Sunday best," Justice advises. That's true even if the standards of dress for the job you're applying for isn't that high, Cook adds.

Keep eye contact with the interviewer as you walk into the room and greet him or her with a courtesy title, she continues. And offer a firm handshake, said Friesz, who confesses he "hates the dead fish."

To reinforce a good impression, send the interviewer a thank-you note, Justice said.

Career counselor Anna Navarro, of Work Transitions, advises clients to cover these six basic points in their new resume.

"Determining what skills the company is looking for then 'address how your skills and background related to that,' she said.

"Be a 'can-do' person," be positive and upbeat, and express willingness to work hard, said Jim Schmidt, vice president of Cejka & Co., an executive search firm, said his ears perk up when candidates utter

magic words like "hard work" and "quality."

"Don't make a lot of demands, particularly about salary or working conditions, Navarro said. The initial job interview is where you survey the terrain."

"Demonstrate that you 'fit' the company's culture by wearing appropriate interview attire and by the formality of your conversation with the interviewer."

"Be prepared to talk about your work history. If this includes a blemish on the resume — say you've been fired from a previous job — be prepared to explain the circumstances."

"Be likable. 'People hire people they like,' Navarro said.

Community calendar

Sunday, March 18

Alpha Kappa Rho chapter of the national honor society Phi Theta Kappa at Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus will sponsor a psychic fair at GCC from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is \$4.

Monday, March 19

The Red Cross will conduct a blood drive at Granite City High School, 3101 Madison Ave., from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. An additional drive will be held March 26 at the Eagles Hall.

Tuesday, March 20

The Edgewood Program in Edwardsville will present a talk and film called "Alcoholism and Drug Abuse — What Is It?" The talk is free and open to the public. For information: 1-800-458-6477 or 656-6730.

Friday, March 23

A fish dinner will be served each Friday during Lent at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Johnson and Pontoon roads, Granite City. Hours are 4-7 p.m. and cod, jacks and catfish sandwiches will be served along with desserts. Carryouts are available.

Saturday, March 24

A benefit music show in honor of Spec Joiner will be held at the Granite City Township Hall, 21st and Delmar, from 7-11 p.m. Slim Cox from radio station KXEW will be the master of ceremonies and several popular Big Band and country groups will perform. A cake auction will be held and donated cakes would be appreciated.

Continuing meetings

Toastmasters Club meets every first and third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mark Twain Bank of Edwardsville, second floor. Meetings are open to anyone wishing to improve communications skills. For information: 656-5150 or 656-7424. ***

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Monday evenings from 6:45 at the Army Support Center, Building 108. For information: Joyce Alexander at 931-4629 or Ben Rapp at 876-2124. ***

AA (Alcoholics Anonymous, an alcoholism recovery group) meets every evening, seven days a week, at 8 at the 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave., Granite City. Information on other meetings (day or night) is available at those times. For information: 876-8467. ***

Al-Anon, a support group for families and friends of alcoholics, holds weekly meetings at several area locations. Following are meeting times and places in Granite City:

Monday 9:30 a.m., 2116 Club, 2116 Edison Ave.

Tuesday 8 p.m., St. John United Church of Christ rear basement, 2901 Nameoki Road; 8 p.m., Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th and Delmar (babysitting available; no smoking).

Thursday 9:30 a.m., St. Elizabeth Church quilting room, 2300 Pontoon Road (no smoking); 8 p.m., St. Elizabeth Medical Center Wiesman Room, first floor (babysitting; no smoking).

Saturday 10 a.m. Al-Anon Adult Children, Suburban Baptist Church, Maryville Road and St. Clair Avenue (babysitting; no smoking).

For information: 876-8467.

To submit items for the calendar, write the Press-Record/Journal, 1815 Delmar, Granite City, Ill. 62040.

St. John man killed Saturday on bridge

VENICE — A St. Louis area man was killed at 5:20 a.m. Saturday in an on-ramp accident on the McKinley Bridge.

Mark Lyndon Scherfius, 26, of St. John, Mo., was pronounced dead at the scene at 5:30 a.m. Saturday by Madison County Assistant Coroner Edward Morton.

Scherfius was a passenger in a 1980 Dodge sedan operated by his brother-in-law, Michael Carter, 30, of Bridgeton, Mo., police said.

Carter was injured and taken by ambulance to St. Louis' Bothwell Medical Center, where he was admitted to the Critical Care Unit.

An autopsy was to be held Saturday afternoon, and an inquest held at a later date.

ing, a hospital spokesman said.

Carter told police that he was driving his brother-in-law's car when the two men reportedly had visited an Illinois night club.

The injured man said he paid the bridge toll and drove west up the bridge approach where the car struck the impact barrier (barrels) near the superstructure on the east side of the bridge, police said.

Carter was initially charged with not having a valid driver's license, police said.

Scherfius was taken to Werner Chapel in Pontoon Beach, pending funeral arrangements.

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15-year-old seeks home

GRANITE CITY — Francine is a beautiful girl. Although she is usually cheerful, she is now deeply depressed. Francine is 15 years old and pregnant. The thrill of acting grown up is gone. She is now faced with the reality of having a baby and the sobering responsibility of caring for a child. Her parents are divorced. Her father disappeared years ago.

The teen has always looked for someone to give her attention and love. Finally, she turned to boys who admired her beauty. She enjoyed being the center of their attention. Then she became pregnant.

Although Francine has done well in school, she has often been truant as she searched for excitement. She enjoys roller

skating and singing and has a very good voice. Francine makes friends easily and is in good health.

The teen is now willing to accept authority. At the present time, she is getting advice and help from an agency that deals with troubled teenagers.

Francine needs to become a part of a foster family who will care for her and her baby.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services provides a monthly bond payment to help foster parents meet the expenses of caring for a youngster. Medical, dental and other expenses are also paid by the state.

Contact Jeannette Rettie, Resource Development Specialist, at 876-8985.

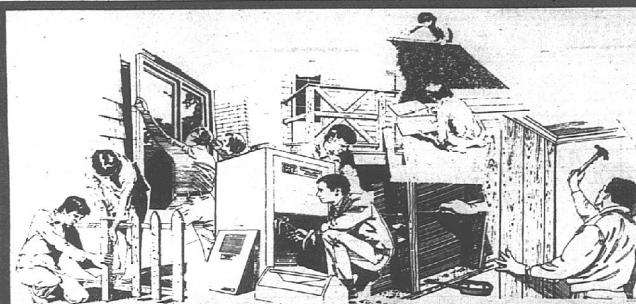
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